



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
held January 26, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled January 26, 2022 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
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Claire Letendre, Technical Support, Bang Up Productions
Elder Max Morin	

GUESTS:

Kurtis Boyer, Faculty Lecturer, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan
Kurt Wintermute, Legal Counsel, MLT Aikins (left by 11:00 a.m.)

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Lillian Lizee, Legal Coordinator
Jordyn Burnouf, Advisor to the Vice President	Jason McKay, Director of Sports, Culture and Recreation and Director of Education
Mark Calette, Senior Director, Duty to Consult and Land Claims	Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Cole Chretien, Policy Analyst	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Childcare / Child and Family Services	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing	Susan Shacter, Policy Analyst
Brandy LaRonde, Legislative Coordinator	Cassi Smith, Advisor to the Chief Strategy 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 9:15 a.m. after quorum was confirmed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its January 26, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220126-01)

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed PMC members in attendance.

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

That the Agenda for the January 26, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be adopted, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Recording Secretary
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. In-Camera Meeting:
 - 7.1 Update on a Canada Revenue Agency Taxation Matter
 - 7.2 Human Resources Committee - Update
8. Review and Approval of the Minutes – November 15, 2021:
 - 8.1 Business Arising from the Minutes
9. Resolutions:
 - 9.1 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly 2022 Spring
 - 9.2 Commissioner for Review of Locals - Terms of Reference
 - 9.3 Early Learning and Child Care Conference
 - 9.4 Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
 - 9.5 Scheduled PMC Meetings Calendar
 - 9.6 Building Knowledge and Professional Capacity
10. Resignation of the MN-S Treasurer
11. Finance Report - Third Quarter Financial Report Presentation
12. Other Business:
 - 12.1 MN-S Registry
 - 12.2 COVID-19 Health Directive
13. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (220126-02)

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President McCallum extended appreciation for the Opening Prayers and highlighted some of the MN-S' accomplishments achieved in a short timeframe and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

That the January 26, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220126-03)
(Time: 9:45 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

That the January 26, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220126-04)
(Time: 1:10 p.m.)

7. IN-CAMERA MEETING

7.1 Update on a Canada Revenue Agency Taxation Matter

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

Change in Chair

President McCallum assumed the Chair for consideration of Item 7.2.

7.2 Human Resources Committee - Update

Further discussion was requested on this item, which was considered during the preceding in-camera meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

That the January 26, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion.

CARRIED (220126-05)
(Time: 1:20 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the January 26, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220126-06)
(Time: 1:30 p.m.)

7.2 Human Resources Committee – Update (Continued)

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

WHEREAS on or about January 26, 2022, a formal written complaint against Sherry McLennan relating to the unauthorized use of a Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) vehicle assigned to Western Region 2 (the “Complaint”), has been submitted to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS under the *Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council* (the “*Executive Handbook*”), written complaints are referred to the Human Resources (HR) Committee and assigned to a third-party investigator to investigate the subject matter of a complaint to determine whether there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct and recommend such corrective action as may be necessary in the circumstances;

WHEREAS it is desirable that certain interim measures be taken to protect the interests of the MN-S pending the outcome of the aforementioned investigation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The PMC shall refer the Complaint to the HR Committee to be referred to a third-party investigator:
 - (a) to investigate into the subject matter of the Complaint; and
 - (b) if the investigator finds there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct, to recommend appropriate remedial measures as may be necessary to resolve the Complaint.
2. Pending the outcome of the investigation into the Complaint, Sherry McLennan be placed on paid administrative leave from her PMC duties, including those duties relating to Standing Committees, her Ministerial duties and any such consequential interim measures as may be necessary and in the best interests of the MN-S; and
3. The HR Committee shall take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that the investigation process is completed by the next meeting of the PMC on February 15, 2022.

CARRIED (220126-07)

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair resumed the role as Chair at approximately 1:40 p.m.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft Minutes of the November 15, 2022, PMC Meeting*
- *Draft List of Decisions – November 15, 2021, PMC Meeting (updated November 24, 2021)*

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

8.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (220126-08)

Agenda Varied

The agenda was varied to include “Item 12.3 - Setting a Deadline for PMC Portfolio Holders to Cease Outside Employment”, under “Item 12 - Other Business”.

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly 2022 Spring

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

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Tim Roussin)

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Spring MNLA be held May 13, 14 and 15, 2022, or June 3, 4 and 5, 2022, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, respecting Provincial and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan health protocols and restrictions in effect.

CARRIED (220126-09)

9.2 Commissioner for Review of Locals - Terms of Reference

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Briefing note titled, “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Commissioner for Review of Locals”, dated January 24, 2022*
- *Draft “Resolution Approving Terms of Reference to Appoint a Commissioner for Review of Locals”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”*
- *Appendix A: “Job Description: Commissioner for Review of Locals”*
- *Appendix B: “Commissioner for Review of Locals, Workplan and Budget – 2022”*

Vice President LeClair referred to the information provided and acknowledged the direction of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) that a Commissioner be appointed to review and examine the status of the MN-S Locals.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Revising the Terms of Reference (and “Appendix B”) to include: “Meet with the Provincial Métis Youth Council and President to ensure youth voices are represented”
- Preparing a more substantive workplan and budget for the Commissioner for Review of Locals after the position has been filled
- Posting the job description for the Commissioner for Review of Locals on the MN-S website.

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), at its duly convened meeting on November 27 and 28, 2021, passed a resolution approving the appointment of a Commissioner for Review of Locals (the “Commissioner”) to review and report on the status of Locals, both recognized and unrecognized; and

WHEREAS recommendations resulting from the Commissioner for constitutional and other legislative changes will be referred to the Constitutional Reform Process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council at this duly convened meeting of January 26, 2022, hereby approves the proposed Terms of Reference for the Commissioner, with an amendment to include “Meet with the Provincial Métis Youth Council and President to ensure youth voices are represented”:

- In “Section 1 - Consultations” of the “Terms of Reference for the Commissioner for Review of Locals”; and
- In “Section 2 – Consultations” of the “Commissioner for Review of Locals Workplan and Budget – 2022 (Appendix B)”.

CARRIED (220126-10)

9.3 Early Learning and Child Care Conference

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing note titled, “Decision Item for the Provincial Métis Council”, dated January 24, 2022
- Draft “Resolution to Host Early Learning and Child Care Conference in Saskatoon April 28-30, 2022”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

Minister Tim Roussin referred to the information provided and offered additional comments on the MN-S hosting an Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Conference on April 28-30, 2022, at the Saskatoon Inn (or virtually if required by Provincial and MN-S health requirements).

Lisa Fleming, Director, ELCC / Child and Family Services, acknowledged:

- The opportunity to bring together educators from across Saskatchewan
- The MN-S’ partnership with the University of Saskatchewan’s Early Years Program
- Scheduling a “kitchen party” event on the evening of April 29, 2022, with jigging and fiddle programs designed for children’s participation.

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

WHEREAS programming for Métis children will be strengthened with early learning professional development for educators;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) values the knowledge and direction of our Elders;

WHEREAS sharing and building resources for our Métis children will provide more Métis children the opportunity to learn their Métis identity, culture, language and traditions; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) has recommended to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at this meeting of January 26, 2022, that an ELCC Conference be held April 28-30, 2022, highlighting Elder knowledge, Métis early learning resources, and the sharing of information for 350 early learning educators from all 12 MN-S regions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves funds not to exceed \$500,000 (subject to the approval of the MN-S Finance Committee) for an ELCC Conference to be held April 28-30, 2022, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, respecting all Provincial and MN-S health protocols and restrictions in effect.

CARRIED (220126-11)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

9.4 Provincial Métis Housing Corporation

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing note titled, “Dissolution of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation”, dated January 21, 2022
- Draft “Resolution of the Directors of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”
- Draft “Resolution of the Sole Member of Provincial Métis Housing Corporation”, labelled “for Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

Riva Racette, Legal Counsel, reviewed the MNLA’s direction that the MN-S initiate formalities to authorize the dissolution of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC) in accordance with the *Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan).

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, provided additional comments on the dissolution of the PMHC, which required two resolutions to confirm the PMC’s approval and authorization.

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) has directed the members of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), in their capacity as directors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. (“MN-S Inc.”) to approve a resolution authorizing and directing the MN-S Inc., in its capacity as the sole member of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC), a corporation incorporated under the *Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan) (*NPCA*), to approve a special resolution authorizing and directing the dissolution of the PMHC, pursuant to the provisions of the *NPCA*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The MN-S Inc., in its capacity as sole member of the PMHC, hereby approves a special resolution authorizing and directing the dissolution of the PMHC pursuant to the provisions of the *NPCA*;
2. Any one director of the MN-S Inc. is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the MN-S Inc. a written special resolution of the sole member of PMHC, pursuant to section 132 of the *NPCA*, proposing the dissolution of PMHC pursuant to the provisions of the *NPCA* in such form as such director so executing and delivering shall approve;
3. Any one director of the MN-S Inc. is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the MN-S Inc. any other agreements, instruments, directions or other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effect the intent of this resolution; and
4. The dissolution as aforesaid shall be administered with the support of administration and such advisors, as are necessary to ensure compliance with all legal requirements.

CARRIED (220126-12)

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., being the sole member of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (the “Corporation”), has determined to approve a special resolution authorizing and directing the dissolution of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the *Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995 (Saskatchewan) (NPCA)*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as a Special Resolution that:

1. The dissolution of the Corporation pursuant to section 192(3) of the *NPCA* is hereby approved;
2. Pursuant to section 192(3)(a) of the *NPCA*, the directors of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Corporation to distribute all property and discharge all obligations of the Corporation in the manner contemplated by the *NPCA* and the articles of the amalgamation of the Corporation;
3. Upon completion of the procedures contemplated by section 192(3)(b) of the *NPCA*, the directors of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to send articles of dissolution to the director (as such term is defined in the *NPCA*) as contemplated by section 192(5) of the *NPCA*; and
4. The directors of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the Corporation any agreements, instruments, directions or other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effect the intent of this special resolution.

CARRIED (220126-13)

One abstention

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair left the meeting at 3:20 p.m., and Autumn LaRose-Smith, President, Provincial Métis Youth Council, assumed the Chair pending her return.

9.5 Scheduled PMC Meetings

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution Affirming Calendar Schedule of Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meetings”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

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

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 (in Resolution #201211-14);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED at this PMC meeting of January 26, 2022, that the PMC shall adhere to the following schedule for 2022 meetings of the PMC, as established:

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| - January 26, 2022 | - July 19, 2022 |
| - February 15, 2022 | - August 16, 2022 |
| - March 15, 2022 | - September 20, 2022 |
| - April 19, 2022 | - October 18, 2022 |
| - May 17, 2022 | - November 15, 2022 |
| - June 21, 2022 | - December 13, 2022 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all PMC meeting materials and decision items distributed to members of the PMC and the 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 (220126-14)

9.6 Building Knowledge and Professional Capacity

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, “Institute for Métis Governance and Administration at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) – Research Chair and Métis Policy Research Program” dated January 20, 2022
- Draft “Métis Research Chair and Institute for Métis Governance and Administration at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

Kurtis Boyer, Faculty Educator, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan (USask), referred to the information provided and offered comments on:

- The proposed program, which reflected on the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the MN-S and USask
- Ensuring there is capacity for young Métis people to lead and serve as future decision-makers
- Offering a culturally-safe course where Métis students can learn about their government.

3:40 p.m.

Vice President LeClair rejoined the meeting.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The intent to hire a Métis Research Chair position at the USask, in accordance with USask’s hiring processes
- An opportunity to complement the existing research community of Métis scholars at USask:
 - o Governance principles and a framework for Indigenous research have been developed by the MN-S Ministry of Health and USask
 - o The Métis Research Chair will have a direct relationship with MN-S and USask, which could support some unique research topics.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) continues its transition from a not-for-profit model to self-government;

WHEREAS it is essential that this transition allow the Métis of Saskatchewan to establish a government grounded in Métis traditions, culture and practices and the exploration of meaningful ways in which these traditions and practices should inform the evolution of our Métis government;

WHEREAS the MN-S seeks to support the creation of a strong Métis-led space in which this work can be supported and in which Métis students with an interest in this area can participate and be supported to work with Métis leaders, communities and our Métis government; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a Métis Research Chair and Institute for Métis Governance and Policy at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) builds upon and supports the important work done to date through the existing Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Saskatchewan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S provide a four-year commitment of \$172,500 per year to start in the 2022-23 fiscal year, to support the establishment of a Métis Research Chair and Institute for Métis Governance and Policy at the JSGS.

CARRIED (220126-15)

Two votes in opposition (Wendy Gervais and Kathie Pruden Nansel)

10. RESIGNATION OF THE MN-S TREASURER

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, acknowledged the December 21, 2021 letter of resignation received from Robert Lafontaine (effective December 31, 2021), which President McCallum accepted in writing on December 22, 2021.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, which does not require a by-election to be called to fill the vacant position, at this time
- Recognizing that the role of Treasurer may no longer be required as the MN-S' structure transitions from a not-for-profit organization to self-government.

11. FINANCE REPORT - THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, referenced the PMC's November 15, 2021 direction (in Resolution #211115-11), which authorized the establishment of parameters and guidelines for travel of elected officials and holding in-person meetings. She confirmed that related policies and templates were being prepared for the PMC's consideration at the next PMC meeting.

In response to a query, it was confirmed that the breakdown of professional fees, legal fees, etc., requested during the MNLA, was provided to, and reviewed with the PMC prior to the MNLA.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) table the "Finance Report – Third Quarter Financial Report Presentation" to the February 15, 2022 PMC meeting.

CARRIED (220126-16)

Request for Action (RFA-220126-01)

It was requested that "Finance Report" be included as a standing item on future Provincial Métis Council meeting agendas, near the beginning of the agenda to provide time for consideration of financial matters.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 MN-S Registry

Discussion ensued on the feasibility of providing Regional Directors with a list of citizens within their respective regions.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that MN-S staff and Legal Counsel consider options for providing Regional Directors access to a list of Métis citizens in their respective regions, after relevant privacy legislation and potential legal implications have been duly considered.

CARRIED (220126-17)

12.2 COVID-19 Health Directive

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, confirmed that PMC members had been encouraged to follow the Saskatchewan Health Authority's guidelines and restrictions and refrain from in-person meetings and non-essential travel.

8.1 Business Arising from the Minutes (Continued)

In response to a query, Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM), confirmed that the following information items requested at the November 15, 2021 PMC meeting would be provided at the February 15, 2022 PMC meeting (as indicated in Request for Action #RFA-211115-01):

- 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).

12.3 Setting a Deadline for PMC Portfolio Holders to Cease Outside Employment

Discussion ensued on the resolution passed by the PMC on November 15, 2021, directing that PMC portfolio holders no longer hold outside employment.

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that this matter be considered at the February 15, 2022 PMC meeting.

13. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded with Closing Prayers offered by Elder Norman Fleury and Elder Max Morin.

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

That the January 26, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED (220126-18)

(Time: 5:45 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for consideration at the January 26, 2022 PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the January 26, 2022, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the November 15, 2021, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Draft “Resolution on Setting the Date for the Next Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”
4. Appendix A: “Job Description: Commissioner for Review of Locals”
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

ELCC	Early Learning and Child Care
HR	Human Resources
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
JSGS	Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
NPCA	<i>Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995</i>
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMHC	Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
USask	University of Saskatchewan



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

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

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3*
Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Chair	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A*
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Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A*

ABSENT:

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

ALSO PRESENT:

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

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

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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

(Denotes participation by videoconference)*

AGENDA VARIED

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

CARRIED (220310-01)

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220310-02)

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the January 26, 2022 Minutes

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

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

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

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

Request for Action (RFA-220310-01)

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

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

9.6 Purchase of Land and Building from John and Victoria Arcand

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

CARRIED (220310-03)

(Time: 1:55 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

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

Health Break

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220310-05)

11. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

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

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

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

Health Break

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

8. FINANCE

8.1 Third Quarter Financial Update

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

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-220310-02)

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

During discussion, comments and clarifications were offered on:

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

Request for Action (RFA-220310-03)

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220310-08)

8.2 Update on Motions Approved by the Finance Committee

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

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-220310-04)

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

Request for Action (RFA-220310-05)

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

Request for Action (RFA-220310-06)

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

8.3 Delegation of Signing Authority - Resolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220310-09)

8.4 Provincial Secretary's Role

Lisa McCallum, Provincial Secretary, requested discussion on:

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

Request for Action (RFA-220310-07)

President McCallum requested information on:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

MEETING RECONVENED

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

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYERS

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

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

Additional comments were offered on:

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

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Resumption of Constitutional Reform Consultations

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220311-01)

9.2 Declaration of Employment

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220311-02)

9.3 Early Learning Child Care

9.3.1 Extending the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220311-03)

Change in Chair

President McCallum assumed the Chair for consideration of Item 9.3.2.

9.3.2 Accessibility Grants Program for Métis Children and Families

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

Request for Action (RFA-220311-01)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220311-04)

9.3.3 Back to Batoche Outdoor Play Centre

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

9.3.4 Community Enhancement Grant Program

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

Health Break

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

Request for Action (RFA-220311-02)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220311-05)

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220311-06)

9.5 Summer Internship Program

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (220311-07)

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

CARRIED (220311-08)

(Time: 11:55 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

CARRIED (220311-09)

(Time: 2:05 p.m.)

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.6 Purchase of Land and Buildings from John and Victoria Arcand

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

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

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

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Gabriel Dumont Institute

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

13. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

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



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held April 19, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held April 19, 2022, at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A* (arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m.)
Michelle LeClair, Vice President (Co-Chair)	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council (Co-Chair)
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2 (arrived at 11:25 a.m.)
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3*	

ABSENT:

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A
Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine	

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Felix Merasty	Elder Deborah Smith
Elder Max Morin	

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Monica Goulet, Acting Director of Culture and Heritage	Kelly Pruden, Project Manager
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel*
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer	Susan Shacter, Policy Analyst
	Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

(Denotes attendance by videoconference)*

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied at 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

Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council (Co-Chair), confirmed quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its April 19, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220419-01)

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Deborah Smith offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

That the Agenda for the April 19, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the March 10-11, 2022 Minutes
 - 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 Managing Last Minute Agenda Items
 - 8.2 Back to Batoche 2022 Budget Approval
 - 8.3 Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment
 - 8.4 Resolution Introduction Template
 - 8.5 Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee - Appointments
 - 8.6 Approval of the MNLA Dumont's Scouts
 - 8.7 Approval of the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker
9. Updates:
 - 9.1 Les Filles De Madeleine
 - 9.2 Building Purchases
10. In-Camera Meeting:
 - 10.1 Access to the MN-S Citizenship Lists
 - 10.2 Human Resource Committee Update
 - 10.3 Northwest Land Claim

- 10.4 Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program
- 10.5 Finance Update – Canada Revenue Agency
- 11. Other Business:
 - 11.1 Housing Support - Cabin Owners
- 12. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (220419-02)

9:30 a.m. (approximately)

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A, joined the meeting by videoconference.

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Glen McCallum, President, acknowledged citizens' appreciation for the assistance the MN-S provided during the COVID-19 pandemic. PMC members were encouraged to continue to support the delivery of programs and services designed to benefit MN-S citizens.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the March 10-11, 2022 Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the March 10-11, 2022, PMC Meeting

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

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the minutes, comments were offered on:

- The reminder that PMC Executive Members must notify Regional Directors when they are coming into their Region to discuss MN-S business
- Potentially reviewing the feasibility of providing additional funding to assist Elders with housing improvements through the Emergency Home Repair Program;
- The Terms of Reference being developed for the Commissioner for Review of Locals, which will acknowledge the involvement of Regional Directors and Locals
- Recognition that the Provincial Secretary was invited to attend the Constitutional Reform sessions and that travel expenses related to her attendance would be covered.

7.1 Approval of the March 10-11, 2022 Minutes (Continued)

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Minutes of the March 10-11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular meeting be approved with an amendment to indicate when Kathie Pruden Nansel and Michelle LeClair departed the meeting for the PMC's consideration of some specific in-camera items.

CARRIED (220419-03)

Change in Chair

Michelle LeClair, Vice President, assumed the Chair at 10:05 a.m.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Managing Last Minute Agenda Items

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution for a Process to Manage Late Agenda Items”, dated April 19, 2022

President McCallum referenced the schedule for submitting information and resolutions for consideration at Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies (MNLAs). A similar schedule was proposed for submitting information and resolutions for consideration at PMC meetings.

Change in Chair

Autumn LaRose-Smith assumed the Chair at 10:10 a.m.

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

WHEREAS the Chair of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) is responsible for managing the PMC’s decision-making process and, in so doing, must maintain the integrity of the deliberative functions of the PMC in accordance with principles of fairness and due process;

WHEREAS the addition of agenda items after submission deadlines disrupts the deliberative process, denies members sufficient time to review meeting materials and make well-considered and informed decisions, and is at odds with the principles of good governance;

WHEREAS review of proposals by the Finance Committee adds valuable due diligence on financial considerations, and this layer of scrutiny is unavailable when items are submitted late;

WHEREAS it is recognized that there are exceptional and unavoidable circumstances which require the PMC to consider urgent matters of public health and safety, commercial, legal or social importance on an exceptional basis; and

WHEREAS it is the role of the PMC Chair to balance the interests of members of the PMC, the MN-S government and the Métis general public, so that processes are open and accountable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of the PMC meeting scheduled for May 17, 2022, the Chair of the PMC will accept late or last-minute additions to the PMC agenda only if they involve the following:

- Urgent or emergency/emerging public health, safety or public policy matters that must be addressed within the current PMC meeting cycle;
- Transactional commercial or contractual issues which have emerged since the deadline for agenda submissions, which must be resolved prior to the next PMC meeting;
- Matters which must be resolved within the current PMC meeting cycle to avoid putting the MN-S government at financial or legal risk; or
- Items of an exceptional nature which are deemed sufficiently important at the discretion of the Chair and with the approval of a simple majority of the PMC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such exceptional item(s) allowed by the Chair for addition to the PMC meeting agenda must be:

- Submitted to the Chief Executive Officer 14 days prior to the PMC meeting; and
- Accompanied by a briefing note in the prescribed format detailing the proposal and the reasons for its urgency for consideration by the PMC.

CARRIED (220419-04)

8.2 Back to Batoche 2022 Budget Approval

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note on “Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Budget Request”, dated April 19, 2022
- Back to Batoche, Projected Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ended March 31, 2022
- Resolution on “2022 Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Celebration Budget”, dated April 19, 2022

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed information provided on the Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival scheduled July 21-24, 2022, and offered additional comments on:

- Events intended to promote the development of cultural and social connections
- The budget proposed for the Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival, outlined in the “Statement of Income and Expenses”.

During discussion, comments and clarifications were offered on:

- Options for potentially utilizing surplus COVID-19 funding
- Enabling PMC members and staff to stay at the Batoche site during the Festival rather than travelling to the site each day
- Funding to be drawn from the entertainment budget for some activities and events, and from the “infrastructure” budget for site maintenance and improvements
- Providing complimentary admission for Elders and Veterans
- A shuttle service donated between Saskatoon and the Batoche site.

Request for Action (RFA-220419-01)

It was requested that Provincial Métis Council members identify citizens in their respective regions who have contributed to community development to be recognized during the 2022 Back to Batoche Festival.

It was MOVED (Brent Digness) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the Métis government that represents Saskatchewan’s Métis citizens;

WHEREAS the MN-S government is committed to promoting the preservation and continuation of Métis identity, culture, and ways of life;

WHEREAS the MN-S recognizes the importance of gathering in-person and collectively healing from the isolation and separation experienced by MN-S citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) is supportive of holding an in-person Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival on July 21-24, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves the proposed \$500,000 budget for the Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival as presented, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

CARRIED (220419-05)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. Leonard Montgrand was present when the meeting resumed.

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

WHEREAS Elders and Veterans are a valued and honoured part of the Métis community in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Back to Batoche Festival is an opportunity to bring Métis citizens, families and community together to celebrate the Métis way of life, traditions and culture and visit with each other;

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) wishes to recognize the traditional and important role of Elders and Veterans, as we work towards the upcoming 50th Anniversary Back to Batoche Festival;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC directs that there be complimentary entrance for Elders, Veterans and their spouses and caregivers/helpers to all Back to Batoche Festivals.

CARRIED (220419-06)

Request for Action (RFA-220419-02)

It was requested that a future Provincial Métis Council meeting consider a definition for Métis "Elders".

8.3 Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Briefing Note on "Emergency Home Repair Program – Eligibility Amendment", submitted by Minister Ryan Carriere, dated April 19, 2022*
- *Resolution titled, "MN-S Emergency Home Repair Program – Eligibility Amendment", dated April 19, 2022*

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, reviewed the information provided and commented on a proposed recommendation to reduce the maximum household income to be eligible to apply for funding through the Emergency Home Repair Program from \$100,000 to \$75,000 per year.

During discussion, comments and clarifications were offered on:

- A suggestion to consider two funding streams for the Emergency Home Repair Program:
 - o Low single-income households earning less than \$75,000 per year
 - o Low dual-income households earning less than \$100,000 per year, potentially in areas where there is a higher cost of living
- Postponing consideration of the proposed resolution, pending further information, including:
 - o Demographic information for Region(s) with a significant number of applications
 - o Whether having homeowner's insurance is included in the eligibility criteria
- The value of the Emergency Home Repair Applications submitted, which significantly exceeds the program budget
- Notifying citizens who may be impacted by revisions to the program.

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Emergency Home Repair Program is intended to support low-income MN-S citizens with emergency home repairs;

WHEREAS the demand for program funding greatly exceeds annual program funding;

WHEREAS the current maximum annual household income to be eligible is \$100,000;

WHEREAS, due to the higher income threshold, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Emergency Home Repair Program does not meet the definition of “core housing need”; and

WHEREAS there is a need to reduce the maximum annual household income eligibility threshold to balance program demand and ensure funding is directed to its intended target.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the maximum annual household income to be eligible for the program will be no greater than \$75,000 per household for all completed applications following March 31, 2022.

MOTION TABLED

Request for Action (RFA-220419-03)

It was requested that further discussion on the Emergency Home Repair Program and the related motion tabled at the April 19, 2022, Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be considered at the next PMC meeting, along with additional information from the Minister of Housing and Director of Housing, on the program and related financial implications.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

8.4 Resolution Introduction Template

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution titled, “Resolution to Include a Standard Introduction for all Resolutions”, dated April 19, 2022

During discussion, comments were offered on the March 10-11, 2022 PMC Meeting’s direction to preface future PMC resolutions with two specific “WHEREAS” clauses.

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directed at their meeting on March 10-11, 2022, that all proposals for the PMC’s consideration should include reference to the distinctive identity, culture, language and values of Métis people; and

WHEREAS the PMC also wants resolutions to reflect the cross-ministerial cooperation of proposals from the MN-S government, consistent with the mandate letters given to each Minister upon their appointment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all ministerial resolutions submitted for consideration by the PMC will begin with the following two clauses:

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

2) “WHEREAS the [relevant Ministry’s name] works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs”.

CARRIED (220419-07)

8.5 Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee - Appointments

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution titled, “Resolution to Appoint Members to the Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee”, dated April 19, 2022

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

WHEREAS the second term of the Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC) is coming to an end, and the IAMC is initiating a selection process for two Line 3 IAMC members to represent the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan in the Line 3 IAMC’s upcoming term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Provincial Métis Council members be appointed to participate on the Line 3 IAMC for the upcoming term, effective April 19, 2022:

- Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3; and
- Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A.

CARRIED (220419-08)

Four votes in opposition

8.6 Approval of the MNLA Dumont’s Scouts

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution to Appoint Dumont’s Scouts for the June 3-5, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, dated April 19, 2022

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

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

WHEREAS the PMC, at the duly called meeting held on January 26, 2022, resolved that a MNLA would be held June 3-5, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC has determined at this meeting of April 19, 2022, that the following individuals be appointed as Dumont’s Scouts within the meaning of Article 2.7 of the *Act*, for June 3-5, 2022 MNLA:

- 1) Wade Daigneault;
- 2) Felix Merasty; and
- 3) Josie Searson.

CARRIED (220419-09)

Change in Chair

Autumn LaRose-Smith assumed the Chair for consideration of the next item.

8.7 Approval of the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution titled, “Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, dated April 19, 2022

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

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

WHEREAS the MN-S PMC at their duly called meeting on January 26, 2022, resolved that a MNLA would be held June 3-5, 2022; and

WHEREAS the MN-S PMC, at their duly called meeting on April 19, 2022, considered the interim appointment of Marilyn Poitras as Speaker and Mike Nolin as Deputy Speaker for the spring sitting of the MNLA on June 3-5, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC ratify the interim appointments of Marilyn Poitras as Speaker and Mike Nolin as Deputy Speaker for the June 3-5, 2022 MNLA.

CARRIED (220419-10)

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair assumed the Chair at this point.

9. UPDATES

9.1 Les Filles De Madeleine

It was confirmed that the President of Les Filles de Madeleine was absent and would be reminded to provide the information requested by the PMC at three prior meetings.

Request for Action (RFA-220419-04)

It was requested that Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) provide for consideration at the next PMC meeting the following items requested at the March 10-11, 2022, November 15, 2021, and January 26, 2022, Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meetings:

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

9.2 Building Purchases

Kelly Pruden, Project Manager, provided updates on the status of building and property purchases, approved at the March 10-11, 2022 PMC Meeting.

10. IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was agreed to now adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider the following items included on the approved agenda:

- 10.1 Access to the MN-S Citizenship List
- 10.2 Human Resource Committee Update
- 10.3 Northwest Land Claim
- 10.4 Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program
- 10.5 Finance Update - Canada Revenue Agency.

Vice President LeClair confirmed she would be absent for consideration of Item 10.2.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

That the April 19, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220419-11)

(Time: 1:45 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220419-12)

(Time: 6:40 p.m.)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Housing Support - Cabin Owners

This item was withdrawn.

11.2 Next Meeting Date

Request for Action (RFA-220419-05)

It was requested that the May 17, 2022, Provincial Métis Council meeting be rescheduled for May 11, 2022.

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

That the April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (220419-13)

The April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded at 6:50 p.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Deborah Smith.

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the April 19, 2022, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the April 19, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the March 10-11, 2022, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Draft “Resolution for a Process to Manage Late Agenda Items”, dated April 19, 2022
4. Briefing Note on "Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Budget Request", dated April 19, 2022
5. Back to Batoche, Projected Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ended March 31, 2022
6. Resolution on "2022 Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Celebration Budget", dated April 19, 2022
7. Briefing Note on "Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment", submitted by Minister Ryan Carriere, dated April 19, 2022
8. Resolution titled, "MN-S Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment", dated April 19, 2022
9. Resolution titled, “Resolution to Include a Standard Introduction for all Resolutions”, dated April 19, 2022
10. Resolution titled, “Resolution to Appoint Members to the Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee”, dated April 19, 2022
11. Resolution to Appoint Dumont’s Scouts for the June 3-5, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, dated April 19, 2022
12. Resolution titled, “Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, dated April 19, 2022

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

IAMC	Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee
ISET	Indigenous Skills and Employment Training
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held May 11, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held May 11, 2022, at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3*
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A*
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3*	Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1*	Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine* (arrived at 12:50 p.m.)
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1*	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A*

ABSENT:

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Elder Deborah Smith
Elder Max Morin	Josh Morrison, Legal Counsel, MLT Aikins LLP* (for Item #8.3)

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Cole McAllister, Policy and Research
Mark Calette, Senior Director, Lands and Consultation	Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer
Michael Gaton, Commissioner for Review of Locals	Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary*

(Denotes attendance by videoconference)*

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied at 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 confirmed a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its May 11, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220511-01)

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the April 19, 2022 Minutes
 - 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
8. In-Camera Meeting:
 - 8.1 Human Resources Committee - Update
9. Resolutions for the 2022 Spring Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):
 - 9.1 Approval of MNLA Order of the Day
 - 9.2 Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
 - 9.3 Approval of Locals to Participate at the MNLA
10. Update:
 - 10.1 Request for Action - Les Filles De Madeleine
11. Other Business:
 - 11.1 Declaration of Employment – Status Update
 - 11.2 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors Appointment for Eastern Region 3
 - 11.3 Regional Symposiums
12. Conclusion and Closing Prayer

CARRIED (220511-02)

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

6.1 MN-S Presentation to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, reported that on May 10, 2022, MN-S Ministry of Health representatives presented to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, on the Administration and Accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Health Benefits.

The presentation focused on the importance of Métis citizens receiving the same distinction-based approach to health care as other Indigenous peoples.

6.2 Remarks from the President

President McCallum acknowledged the continued involvement of Elders in MN-S discussions, the ongoing achievements of MN-S' ministries, and the MN-S government's responsibility to represent its citizens with accountability and transparency.

6.3 Commissioner for Review of Locals

Vice President Michelle LeClair introduced Michael Gatin, who was recently selected as "Commissioner for Review of Locals", based on the MNLA's direction to appoint a Commissioner to review and examine the status of all Locals in Saskatchewan.

Michael Gatin introduced himself and extended appreciation for the opportunity to consult with communities and leaders on the function of Locals.

Change in Chair

President McCallum noted the intent to provide other PMC members with the opportunity to Chair PMC meetings and invited Autumn LaRose-Smith to assume the Chair at 9:40 a.m.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the April 19, 2022 Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the April 19, 2022, PMC Meeting

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

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the March 10-11, 2022 PMC Minutes, comments were offered on:

- An update anticipated at the next PMC meeting on the Emergency Home Repair Program (referenced in Request for Action #RFA-220419-03); and
- Information being compiled in response to the PMC's request for a definition of Métis "Elders" (referenced in Request for Action #RFA-220419-02).

Request for Action (RFA-220511-01)

It was requested that the Agenda for the next Provincial Métis Council Meeting include:

- *Update on the Emergency Home Repair Program; and*
- *Presentation on the Roles of MN-S Elders.*

9.1 Approval of the April 19, 2022 Minutes (Continued)

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

That the Minutes of the April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular meeting be approved, with an amendment to clarify Resolution #220419-03 to indicate that "Kathie Pruden Nansel and Michelle LeClair departed the meeting for the PMC's consideration of some specific in-camera items".

CARRIED (220511-03)

8. IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was agreed to now adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider the following item included on the approved agenda: Item 8.1. “Human Resources Committee – Update”.

Vice President LeClair departed the meeting for the PMC’s consideration of Item 8.1. “Human Resources Committee – Update”.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

CARRIED (220511-04)

(Time: 9:55 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220511-05)

(Time: 10:30 a.m.)

9. RESOLUTIONS (For the 2022 Spring MNLA)

9.1 Approval of MNLA Order of the Day

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Metis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly”, dated May 11, 2022

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reviewed the proposed Agenda/Order of the Day for the June 3-5, 2022, MNLA.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Adjusting the Agenda/Order of the Day to include presentations from representatives of the Federal Government and Provincial Government
- Providing an opportunity for the Elder Representative (Elder Margaret Harrison) to speak
- Including an opportunity for discussion on the MN-S Treasurer position; relevant information should be provided to support the MNLA’s informed discussion
- Reminders sent to PMC members regarding deadlines for submitting reports for inclusion in the MNLA Agenda.

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on January 26, 2022, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for June 3-5, 2022;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the June 3-5, 2022, MNLA would be held in person at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;

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

WHEREAS an agenda is hereby proposed for the MNLA to be held on June 3-5, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC, at this meeting of May 11, 2022, hereby approves the following Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on June 3-5, 2022:

I. WORKSHOP FORUMS - June 3, 2022

II. MNLA DAY ONE – June 4, 2022

1. Grand Entry:
 - a. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - b. Fiddle – Dean Smith
 - c. Métis Anthem – Krystal Pederson
 - d. Drum Song – Elder Toni Lemaigre
 - e. O Canada - Krystal Pederson
2. State of the Nation - President McCallum
3. Elder Representative for North, Central and South – Elder Margaret Harrison
4. Greetings:
 - a. President Cassidy Caron – Métis National Council
 - b. Vice Chief Ally Bear – Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
 - c. First Nation Representative (to be determined)
 - d. Federal Government Representative (to be determined)
 - e. Provincial Government Representative (to be determined)
 - f. Charlie Clark – Mayor of the City of Saskatoon
5. Roll Call - Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer and Clerk of the MNLA:
 - a. Registered Delegates
6. Health Break
7. MNLA Motions:
 - a. Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - b. Adoption of Agenda – Order of the Day
 - c. Adoption of the Minute Taker – Carrie Peacock
 - d. Adoption of Dumont’s Scouts
 - e. Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
8. November 27-28, 2021 MNLA Minutes:
 - a. Adoption of the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA Minutes
9. Lunch
10. Legal Update – Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP:
 - a. Self-Government
 - b. Land Claims
 - c. Harvesting
11. Justice Ministry Update – Vice President Michelle LeClair:
 - a. Commissioner of Review of Locals
 - b. Judicial System/Tribunal
 - c. Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School Commission - Update
12. Discussion on the Resignation of the MN-S Treasurer

13. Adjournment
14. Closing Prayer – Elder Deborah Smith

III. MNLA DAY TWO – June 5, 2022

1. Opening Prayer – Elder Margaret Harrison
2. Roll Call
3. Report from the Clerk of the MNLA
4. Motions to Accept Reports:
 - a. Executive
 - b. Regional
 - c. Ministerial
 - d. Affiliates
5. Resolutions:
 - a. Tabled Resolutions from the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA
 - b. New Resolutions
6. Conclusion

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 May 11, 2022.

CARRIED (220511-06)

It was agreed to extend the deadline for submitting Regional Reports and Ministerial Reports for the MNLA Agenda to May 13, 2022. The CEO confirmed that further information on the June 3, 2022 Discussion Forums would soon be provided.

9.2 Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution to “Approve New Local in Eastern Region 3”, dated May 11, 2022

Marg Friesen confirmed that the Eastern Region 3 Regional Council had unanimously supported the establishment of Moosomin Local #44 as a new Local.

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

WHEREAS Article 7.3 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) states: “New Locals can be admitted by the Regional Councils provided this decision is ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, and the requirements herein are met”;

WHEREAS Article 7.2 of the *Constitution* states that “Locals shall be made up of at least nine members”;

WHEREAS Article 7.1 of the *Constitution* states that “Locals shall be the basic unit of the Organization in each community”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council endorses the recommendation of the Eastern Region 3 Regional Council for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to accept Moosomin Local #44 as a full voting member.

CARRIED (220511-07)

9.3 Approval of Locals to Participate at the MNLA

Related information (displayed at the meeting): Draft resolution to allow “Locals which have applied for recognition and been rejected by their Regional Councils, to participate at the MNLA”

Vice President LeClair reviewed the draft resolution and the proposed list of Locals to be considered for inclusion as voting members at the MNLA.

Josh Morrison, Legal Counsel, MLT Aikins LLP, provided comments on:

- Section 2.3 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”), which states, “The Métis Nation Legislative shall have the authority to enact legislation, regulations, rules and resolutions governing the affairs and conduct of the Métis in Saskatchewan”
- Section 7.3 of the *Constitution*, which states, “New Locals can be admitted by the Regional Councils provided this decision is ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”
- The MN-S’ appointment of a Commissioner for Review of Locals to consider matters related to MN-S Locals.

Discussion ensued on the list of Locals proposed in the draft resolution, which included Locals from only one region.

Vice President LeClair subsequently withdrew the resolution, noting that it may be brought forward for consideration at the MNLA.

12:50 p.m.

Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles De Madeleine, joined the meeting.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Declaration of Employment – Status Update

President McCallum reminded PMC members of Resolution #220311-02, which directed “PMC members who are portfolio holders and/or act in a ministerial role to confirm in writing that they hold no outside employment, contracts, or any other employment obligations that would contravene the spirit and intent of the PMC’s November 15, 2021 Resolution #211115-10”.

Request for Action (RFA-220511-02)

It was requested that Resolution #220311-02 be sent to the Provincial Métis Council, with a reminder to respond to President McCallum.

11.2 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors Appointment for Eastern Region 3

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

That the Provincial Métis Council approve the appointment of Joanne Pelletier as the Eastern Region 3 representative to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors.

CARRIED (220511-08)

11.3 Regional Symposiums

Discussion ensued on the feasibility of scheduling “Regional Symposiums” in each Region to deliver information on MN-S services and programs (e.g., the Emergency Home Repair Program).

Request for Action (RFA-220511-03)

It was requested that a future Provincial Métis Council meeting discuss the feasibility of scheduling “Regional Symposiums” in all Regions to deliver information on the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan’s entities, affiliates, programs and services.

10. UPDATES

10.1 Request for Action - Les Filles De Madeleine

Related information (provided with the agenda): Memo from Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles De Madeleine, with the following attachments:

- *April 10, 2021 Minutes of LFDM Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors Meeting*
- *Clarification of the Role of LFDM*
- *Bylaws of Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc. (also known as “Métis Women of Saskatchewan”), dated 2019*

Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles De Madeleine (LFDM), reviewed the information provided and offered additional comments on:

- Funding allocated to the LFDM for personnel, office expenses, etc.
- The role of the “Métis Women” referenced in the *Constitution*
- Scheduling the LFDM election in collaboration with the CEO and Minister of Finance.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The LFDM Board of Directors’ plans to meet within the next few weeks to prepare a process for holding a fair and transparent election, along with a related budget plan, for submission to the Minister of Finance (within the next month)
- Potentially holding a virtual election (similar to the Provincial Métis Youth Council election)
- The allocation of 10 votes per region for the LFDM election, regardless of the size of each region; future consideration could be given to a “representation by population” model
- The importance of providing an opportunity for Métis women to convene to discuss issues of importance to Métis women.

9.1 Approval of MNLA Order of the Day (Continued)

The CEO offered further information on the June 3, 2022 Discussion Forums scheduled prior to the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA, noting that:

- Separate one-hour sessions will be held for delegates, focussed on: The Tribunal, the Commission for the Review of Locals, Harvesting, and Land Claims / Traditional Land Use
- The previous MNLA requested that future Dialogue Forums include a basic “Financial Workshop” to explain how to read the audited financial statements and other schedules being presented for consideration at the MNLA:
 - o Sufficient time was required for the “Financial Workshop”, which could not be accommodated within a one-hour Dialogue Forum
 - o A virtual “Finance Workshop” would be arranged in advance of the MNLA, which all MNLA delegates could access electronically
- Further information on the Dialogue Forums will be provided.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Queries raised during the last MNLA on items referenced in the financial statements, which were answered at the subsequent PMC meeting
- Structuring the Finance Workshop to provide basic information on revenue streams, expense lines etc., included in the MN-S' financial statements.

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded at 3:15 p.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Deborah Smith.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the May 11, 2022, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the May 11, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the April 19, 2022, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Metis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly”, dated May 11, 2022
4. Draft resolution to “Approve New Local in Eastern Region 3”, dated May 11, 2022
5. Draft resolution to allow “Locals which have applied for recognition and been rejected by their Regional Councils, to participate at the MNLA”
6. April 10, 2021 Minutes of LFDM Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
7. Clarification of the Role of LFDM
8. Bylaws of Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc. (also known as "Métis Women of Saskatchewan"), dated 2019

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
PMC	Provincial Métis Council



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held June 28, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held June 28, 2022, by videoconference.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
(departed at 12:45 p.m.)

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3

Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1

Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1

Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2
(departed at 12:45 p.m.)

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
(departed at 12:45 p.m.)

Loretta King, Western Region 1

Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council

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

Elder Max Morin

MN-S OFFICE:

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child
Care / Child and Family Services

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing

Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

Eric McAllister, Intern

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating 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 they were considered and are numbered as indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM CONFIRMED

Vice President LeClair confirmed a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its June 28, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220628-01)

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

That the Agenda for the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the May 11, 2022 PMC Meeting
 - 7.2 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022 PMC Meeting
 - 7.3 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022 PMC Meeting
8. Human Resources Committee – In-Camera
9. Portfolio Reassignments
10. Finance Update
11. Early Learning and Child Care: Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow Aen Pakey (Buffalo Learning Program)
12. Regional Youth Selection Process
13. First Time Home Buyers Program and Emergency Repair Program
14. Other Business:
 - 14.1 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) Funding
 - 14.2 PMC Regional Protocols
 - 14.3 Back to Batoche
 - 14.4 Elders Council Protocols
15. Conclusion and Closing Prayer

CARRIED (220628-02)

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Glen McCallum commended the MN-S portfolio-holders and staff for their ongoing efforts and flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic. He confirmed that he looked forward to discussions on maintaining relationships, including with provincial and federal governments.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the May 11, 2022 PMC Meeting

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the May 11, 2022 PMC Meeting

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

Regarding Request for Action #RFA-220511-02, President McCallum confirmed that legal advice had been obtained and that the matter had been addressed.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

That the Minutes of the May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (220628-03)

7.2 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022 PMC Meeting

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022 PMC Meeting

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

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Tim Roussin)

That the Minutes of the May 27, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (220628-04)

7.3 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022 PMC Meeting

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022 PMC Meeting

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

During discussion, comments were offered on the feasibility of considering the role of the Treasurer at the next MNLA.

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Minutes of the June 4, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved with an amendment to indicate that Tim Roussin attended the meeting by teleconference.

CARRIED (220628-05)

Meeting Recessed

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

8. IN-CAMERA MEETING

8.1 Human Resources Committee

It was agreed to adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider Item 8.1. “Human Resources Committee – Update”.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Tim Roussin)

That the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220628-06)

(Time: 10:25 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220628-07)

(Time: 12:25 p.m.)

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair assumed the Chair at approximately 12:30 p.m.

9.1 Human Resources Committee

It was confirmed that the following resolution was duly passed during the June 28, 2022, In-Camera meeting of the PMC:

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Human Resources (HR) Committee presented its recommendations to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at its duly convened meeting on June 1, 2022, of a complaint filed on January 26, 2022, against Sherry McLennan (the Respondent) by Vice President Michelle LeClair (the Complainant) with respect to the unauthorized use of a MN-S vehicle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby supports the recommendations as presented by the HR Committee in its report dated May 27, 2022, and further directs that the recommendations be implemented as follows:

- A. That within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the Respondent formally apologizes to the PMC in writing:
- (i) For compromising relationships with other governments, stakeholders and Métis citizens;
 - (ii) For the reputational damage sustained by the MN-S government as a result of the Respondent’s actions;
 - (iii) As part of the aforementioned apology, the Respondent make a formal written commitment to rebuild the trust and confidence of her fellow members of the PMC;

- B. Effective immediately, that the Respondent be prohibited from personally renting any further rental vehicles at the MN-S' expense or through any MN-S account;
- C. Recommend to the President to consider the Respondent's immediate removal from portfolio and standing committee(s);
- D. That the PMC work with appropriate technicians to develop protocols and/or policies governing elected officials on subject matters, including:
- (i) Under what circumstances MN-S' property can be used;
 - (ii) How the MN-S branding should be used, and for what purposes;
 - (iii) How the Métis flag should be used by elected officials as representatives of the MN-S government (protocols related to the Métis flag will be developed in consultation with the Métis Elders Council and the Métis Veterans Council); and
 - (iv) That an update on the status of protocols and/or policies be provided within 90 days of the date of this resolution.

CARRIED (IC-220628-01)

8. Portfolio Reassignments

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution on "Approving Ministerial Portfolio Reassignments", dated June 28, 2022

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, read aloud the resolution presented for consideration.

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

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* (the "*Constitution*") confer 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 interests of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan that certain Ministerial portfolios be reorganized and reassigned to promote an efficient and responsive government;

WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, the President directed that the Ministerial portfolios be reassigned, effective the 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 June 28, 2022:

- Culture and Heritage: Minister Ryan Carriere
- Economic Development and Tourism: Minister Brent Digness
- Early Learning and Child Care and Post-Secondary Education: Minister Tim Roussin
- Housing and Infrastructure: Minister Loretta King
- Women and Gender Equity: Minister Tammy Mah.

CARRIED (220628-08)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

10. Finance Update

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, confirmed that COVID-19 support funding had now been depleted, and would be discontinued in 30 days. Additional comments were offered on:

- Returning rental vehicles secured with COVID-19 funding within 30 days; alternatively, a Regional Council motion could support retaining a vehicle, using regional capacity funds
- Distributing the COVID-19 support funds remaining from an agreement reached by the Meadow Lake Tribal Council and federal government (specifically for northern communities).

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- COVID-19 funding, which was held for some regions by the Finance Department; any remaining unspent funding will still be available to those regions
- Prior discussions regarding purchasing 15-passenger vans (unrelated to COVID-19 funding):
 - o The MN-S' current funding priorities focus on the delivery of programs and services
 - o The purchase of passenger vans may be pursued in the future
- Discussions anticipated at the fall PMC retreat on establishing regional offices to be operated by the government to deliver programs and services to MN-S citizens.

11. Early Learning and Child Care: Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow Aen Pakey (Buffalo Learning Program)

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, "Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (Buffalo Learning Program)", dated June 28, 2022
- Draft resolution to "Support the Creation of the ELCC: Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (Buffalo Learning Program)", dated June 28, 2022

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services, reviewed the briefing note and reported that applications received would be verified by the Registry office. Non-identifying demographic data would be shared with the PMC when providing updates on the program's success.

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

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

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

WHEREAS sharing and building resources for our Métis children will provide more Métis children the opportunity to learn their Métis identity, culture, language and traditions;

WHEREAS Métis-centred programming and resources delivered directly to children will support Métis families;

WHEREAS Métis families and caregivers have requested more Métis-focused materials for their children;

WHEREAS the Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (the “Lii Bufloo Program”) will encourage families to learn together, enhance early literacy and provide culturally appropriate learning resources;

WHEREAS the Lii Bufloo Program will continue to build lifelong love of pride in Métis culture; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of ELCC has recommended to the PMC at this meeting of June 28, 2022, to support the creation and acquisition of Métis early learning resources and the development and implementation of the Lii Bufloo Program for over 2,000 Métis children throughout all 12 MN-S Regions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC approves funds not to exceed \$1,500,000 annually for the Lii Bufloo Program.

CARRIED (220628-09)

12. Regional Youth Selection Process

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, “Selection of the Provincial Métis Youth Council”, dated June 27, 2022
- Draft resolution titled, “Selection of Provincial Métis Youth Council”, dated June 28, 2022

Autumn LaRose-Smith, President, Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC), reviewed the information provided and commented on the process proposed to enable Regional Councils to select youth representatives for the PMYC.

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

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

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

WHEREAS the MN-S seeks to ensure that the unique perspectives and needs of Métis youth are reflected in government decisions, policy and programming, which is stated in the Minister of Youth’s mandate letter;

WHEREAS there is a need for a transparent, consistent, fair, accessible and merit-based system to select youth representatives at the regional level to participate in the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC);

WHEREAS the regional councils that select youth representatives may not be aware of all the eligible youth citizens in their regions if they are not registered members of a Local; and likewise, Métis youth citizens may not be aware of opportunities available to participate in the PMYC;

WHEREAS a public call-out and application process will increase the Métis youth’s knowledge of the PMYC and increase youth engagement within the MN-S Government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves a publicity and recruitment campaign, to be conducted by the Ministry of Youth during the summer of 2022, to encourage youth to apply to be a member of the PMYC; and that Regional Directors and Regional Councils be encouraged to support and promote this campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a list of all applicants, which has been depersonalized of identifying data, be provided to regions to allow them to select the best candidate based on their accomplishments; and that Regional Councils provide the PMYC with the name of the applicant selected as their Regional Youth Representative.

CARRIED (220628-10)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

13. First Time Home Buyers Program and Emergency Repair Program

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, “MN-S First Time Homebuyers’ Program”, dated June 28, 2022
- Draft resolution on, “ Respecting First Time Home Buyers Program”, dated June 28, 2022

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, reviewed the information in the briefing note regarding the First Time Homebuyers Program (FTHBP).

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The Finance Committee’s support for the proposed resolution related to the FTHBP
- Funding remaining in the Regional Housing Strategy.

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS since 2020, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) First Time Home Buyers Program (FTHBP) has successfully supported over 300 Registered Métis citizens in purchasing their first home;

WHEREAS the FTHBP’s four-year budget (2020 to 2024) of \$9,250,000 is projected to be fully committed by September 2022;

WHEREAS a proposed addition to the budget of \$3,500,000 was presented to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) on June 28, 2022, and recommended for approval, as follows: an additional \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2022/23, and an additional \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year 2023/24;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves, as presented at this meeting on June 28, 2022, the proposed additional two-year budget of \$3,500,000 in the following allocations:

- a) \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2022/23 of program funding; and
- b) \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year 2023/24 of program funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC of the MN-S approve and direct all actions and execute any documents deemed necessary or appropriate to effectuate this resolution.

CARRIED (220628-11)

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, offered comments on the “Emergency Repair Program” (ERP), and referenced the differences between “emergency repairs” and “home renovations”.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Significant interest in the ERP, which may soon deplete the funds available
- Enabling first-time applicants to access funding, rather than topping-up previous applications
- The feasibility of convening discussions on regional housing approaches, the Northern Housing Strategy and the Central Housing Strategy.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) Funding

During discussion on UPIP funding, the following comments were offered:

- The agenda for the next PMC agenda could include a discussion on “UPIP Funding”
- Although the MN-S has not yet received UPIP funding, discussions would ensue with the PMC before any related decisions were considered.

14.2 PMC Regional Protocols

During discussion, it was requested that before holding any meetings in other regions, PMC members were reminded to inform the respective Regional Director and to invite them to attend.

Change in Chair

Autumn LaRose-Smith assumed the Chair at 4:10 p.m.

14.3 Back to Batoche

Request for Action (RFA-220628-01)

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer, agreed to request that information regarding Back to Batoche events, activities and protocols be sent to PMC members.

14.4 Elders Council Protocols

In response to questions raised, Elder Norman Fleury reviewed some of the Elders’ roles and acknowledged a number of activities the Elders Council had been involved in.

Request for Action (RFA-220628-02)

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer, agreed to request that a discussion regarding the Elders Council (and potentially “Elders’ Protocols”) be included on a future PMC Agenda.

15. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

That the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (220628-12)
(Time: 5:00 p.m.)

The June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Norman Fleury.

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the June 28, 2022, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the June 28, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the May 11, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
4. Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
5. Draft resolution on “Approving Ministerial Portfolio Reassignments”, dated June 28, 2022
6. Briefing Note titled, “Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (Buffalo Learning Program)”, dated June 28, 2022
7. Draft resolution to “Support the Creation of the ELCC: Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (Buffalo Learning Program)”, dated June 28, 2022
8. Briefing Note titled, “Selection of the Provincial Métis Youth Council”, dated June 27, 2022
9. Draft resolution titled, “Selection of Provincial Métis Youth Council”, dated June 28, 2022
10. Briefing Note titled, “MN-S First Time Homebuyers' Program”, dated June 28, 2022
11. Draft resolution on, “Respecting First Time Home Buyers Program”, dated June 28, 2022

LIST OF ACRONYMS

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ERP	Emergency Repair Program
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MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held September 20, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held September 20, 2022, at the Elk Ridge Resort, Highway 264, Waskesiu Drive, Saskatchewan.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine (joined at approximately 11:00 a.m.)*
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1*	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2*
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A (joined at approximately 9:45 a.m.)*
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	
Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A (joined at approximately 1:30 p.m.)*	

REGRETS:

Lisa McCallum, Secretary

ELDERS:

Elder Norman Fleury
Elder Max Morin

DUMONT’S SCOUTS:

John Bellinger	Felix Merasty
Wade Daigneault	Josie Searson

MN-S OFFICE:

Jay Boekler, Technical Support	Jason Mercredi, Acting Director of Housing
Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing	Kelly Pruden, Project Manager
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Claire Letendre, Technical Support	Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel
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MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary

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AGENDA VARIED

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Michelle LeClair, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Jessi Connaughton as Recording Secretary for its September 20, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220920-01)

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

That the Agenda for the September 20, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the June 28, 2022, PMC Meeting
 - 7.2 Resolution - Setting the Date for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)
 - 7.3 Business Arising from the Minutes
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 La Ronge Land Purchase
 - 8.2 Provincial Métis Housing Corporation Article Change
 - 8.3 Riel Scouts Lodge - Proposed Budget
 - 8.4 Emergency Home Repairs Program
 - 8.5 Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. Community Housing Project
 - 8.6 Housing Conference
 - 8.7 Change the Date of the October 18, 2022, PMC Meeting
 - 8.8 Youth Delegate for the Métis National Council Assembly
9. Commission for the Review of Locals Update
 - 9.1 MNLA Protocols Regarding Locals
10. Financial Update
11. MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker
12. Human Resources Committee – In Camera
 - 12.1 Resolution IC-220628-01
13. Conclusion and Closing Prayer

CARRIED (220920-02)

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Glen McCallum commented on the importance of reconciliation, building trust, and working together to deliver programs to citizens. Ministers, Directors, and MN-S staff were commended for their efforts in providing services to Métis people across Saskatchewan. The President noted that the growth of the MN-S would result in the expansion of opportunities for citizens, strengthening the Métis Nation, culture and identity for generations to come.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the June 28, 2022 PMC Meeting

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the June 28, 2022, PMC Meeting

Autumn LaRose-Smith, President, Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC), read aloud the resolutions and decisions included in the minutes.

7.2 Setting the Date for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)

Related information (provided with the agenda): August 4, 2022 Resolution on “Setting the Date for the MNLA”

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) endorse the following resolution, as duly approved by electronic vote on August 8, 2022:

WHEREAS Article 3.10 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* authorizes the PMC to set the date and place for each sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Fall MNLA be held November 18-20, 2022, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (subject to provincial and MN-S health protocols in effect).

CARRIED (220920-03)

7.3 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion of the June 28, 2022 minutes, comments were offered on:

- Items to be considered during the September 2022 PMC Retreat, including:
 - o Urban Programming for Indigenous People (UPIP) funding
 - o Activities, events and protocols for 2022 Back to Batoche (RFA-220628-01)
 - o Elders’ Council and Protocols (RFA-220628-02)
- The importance of a Batoche 2022 Veterans’ presentation, following a review of associated budget implications by the Finance Committee.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-01)

It was requested that the following items be posted on the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan website:

- *Approved minutes of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meetings;*
- *Video recordings of Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies; and*
- *Video recordings of PMC meetings.*

Request for Action (RFA-220920-02)

It was requested that discussion of the Elders' Council and Elders' Protocols be added to the next Provincial Métis Council meeting agenda.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-03)

It was requested that resolutions referencing Urban Programming for Indigenous People (UPIP) funding, specify which stream of UPIP funding will be utilized.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-04)

The Legislative Coordinator agreed to email Resolution 220419-04, regarding the addition of late or last-minute additions to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) agenda, to all PMC members.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-05)

It was requested that the 2022 Batoche Veteran's budget request be emailed to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the Provincial Métis Council.

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

That the Minutes of the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (220920-04)

8. RESOLUTIONS

It was agreed to adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider the following items included on the approved agenda:

- Item 8.1 "La Ronge Land Purchase"
- Item 8.3 "Riel Scouts Lodge – Proposed Budget"
- Item 8.5 "Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. Community Housing Project"
- Item 12 "Human Resources Committee"
- Item 12.1 "Resolution IC-220628-01".

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the September 20, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220920-05)

(Time: 10:15 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the September 20, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220920-06)

Time: 4:00 p.m.

12.1 Resolution IC-220628-01 (continued)

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2, issued a verbal apology to all MN-S citizens, colleagues and Métis people who were negatively impacted by actions related to the unauthorized use of a MN-S vehicle in January 2022.

8.2 Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC) Article Change

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing note titled, "Amendment to Articles of Amalgamation – PMHC"
- Draft Resolution on PMHC Article Change - Amalgamation
- Draft Resolution on PMHC Article Change - Members Resolution

Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel, explained that in order to complete the dissolution of the PMHC, the Articles of Amalgamation (the "Articles") required amendment to remove the reference to the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council. It was confirmed that amending the Articles would not impact the effect of resolutions passed by the MNLA and PMC directing the dissolution of PMHC.

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly has authorized and directed the members of the Provincial Métis Council in their capacity as the directors of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. (the "Secretariat") to approve a resolution authorizing and directing the Secretariat in its capacity as the sole member of Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (the "PMHC"), a corporation incorporated under the *Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995 (Saskatchewan)* (the "NPCA"), to approve a special resolution amending the Articles of Amalgamation of the PMHC pursuant to the provisions of the NPCA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Secretariat, in its capacity as sole member of PMHC, hereby approves a special resolution authorizing and directing the amendment of the Articles of Amalgamation of the PMHC pursuant to the provisions of the NPCA to delete the existing provisions of Article 7 of the Articles of Amalgamation, which read as follows:

"As may be considered advisable for the public good and subject to the approval of any plan of distribution by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council."

and replace with the following:

"Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., a corporation established under The Métis Act (Saskatchewan), being the sole member of the corporation."

2. Any one Director of the Secretariat is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the Secretariat a written special resolution of the sole member of PMHC pursuant to section 132 of the NPCA as authorized, hereby pursuant to the provisions of the NPCA in such form as such Director so executing and delivering shall approve; and
3. Any one Director of the Secretariat is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the Secretariat any other agreements, instruments, directions or other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effect the intent of this resolution.

CARRIED (220920-07)

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. (the “Secretariat”), being the sole member of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (the “Corporation”), has determined to approve a special resolution authorizing and directing the amendment of the Articles of Amalgamation of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the *Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995 (Saskatchewan)* (the “NPCA”);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Articles of Amalgamation of the Corporation are hereby amended by deleting the existing provisions of Article 7 of the Articles of Amalgamation, which read as follows:

“As may be considered advisable for the public good and subject to the approval of any plan of distribution by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.”

and replacing with the following:

“Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., a corporation established under The Métis Act (Saskatchewan), being the sole member of the corporation.”

2. The Directors of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the Corporation any agreements, instruments, directions or other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effect the intent of this special resolution, including, without restriction, the filing of articles of amendment to reflect the above with the Directors of Corporation as contemplated by the NPCA.

CARRIED (220920-08)

8.4 Emergency Home Repairs Program (ERP)

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing note titled, “Emergency Home Repairs Funding Request, dated August 31, 2022
- Draft resolution on “Emergency Home Repairs Program Funding Request”

Loretta King, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, reviewed the information provided and confirmed that demand for the ERP had exceeded the funding available, and the program was on hold since April 1, 2022. Additional funding was requested to re-open the program on October 1, 2022.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Urgent and critical requests for ERP support for Elders, and the need to designate housing dollars to at-risk and vulnerable citizens
- The need to undertake a review of Elders who received ERP funding when the program began
- Efforts to secure additional funding through Canada’s Energy Efficiency Program
- Community engagement and the collection of data on at-risk and vulnerable Métis citizens to inform a strategy for the next cycle of the ERP
- The need for trustworthy contractors, and a list of recommended contractors available to homeowners through the Housing Department
- Recognition of the housing challenges in the north
- Potential for the Gabriel Dumont Institute to develop a Housing Inspector course
- Confirmation that individuals cannot access the ERP and the First Time Homebuyers program simultaneously.

President McCallum invited the Minister and Director of Housing to attend upcoming meetings with provincial and federal government representatives to discuss Métis housing needs.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-06)

It was requested that the Acting Housing Director come to Northern Region 3 to speak to Elders about funding opportunities for critical home repairs.

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

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

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

WHEREAS the demand for the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) has exceeded approved available budget and has been on hold since April 1, 2022;

WHEREAS the program requires an additional \$4 million for applications received before April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS an additional \$2 million is requested to re-open the ERP on October 11, 2022, until funding is fully expended, and as such, the ERP will be closed to new applications for the remainder of the fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC approve additional funding to the ERP to a maximum of \$6 million for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

- a. A maximum of \$4 million for existing claims up to April 1, 2022;
- b. A maximum of \$2 million for new claims received after October 11, 2022.

CARRIED (220920-09)

8.6 Housing Conference

Related Information (provided with the agenda):

- *Briefing note titled, “Saskatchewan Housing and Homelessness Conference”, dated August 30, 2022*
- *Draft resolution on “Saskatchewan Housing and Homelessness Conference”*

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

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

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

WHEREAS the homelessness population is growing across Saskatchewan, especially for the Métis and Indigenous populations. In 2022 Saskatoon reported a 15% increase, Prince Albert reported a 36% increase, and Regina reported a 41% increase; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure is seeking to plan and host the first two-day Saskatchewan Housing and Homelessness Conference in March 2023, including leaders and experts in the Housing and Homelessness sectors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC approve up to \$500,000 to host a Saskatchewan Housing and Homelessness Conference in March 2023.

CARRIED (220920-10)

Leonard Montgrand abstained from the vote

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:55 p.m.

8.7 Change the Date of the October 18, 2022, PMC Meeting

Related Information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution on “Changing the Date for the October 18, 2022, PMC Meeting”

It was MOVED (President Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Vice President Michelle LeClair)

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;

WHEREAS the PMC, at its meeting of January 26, 2022, approved a schedule which included a meeting on October 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS the scheduled October 18, 2022 meeting conflicts with other government business;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approve rescheduling the October 18, 2022, PMC meeting to October 25, 2022.

CARRIED (220920-11)

It was confirmed that the October 25, 2022, PMC meeting would be held in Vancouver, BC, prior to the Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly (GA), scheduled on October 26-27, 2022.

8.8 Youth Delegate for MNC General Assembly

Related Information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution on “Selection of Métis National Council General Assembly Voting Delegation”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- References in the *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitution* (Article 2.11) to the selection of delegates to the MNC GA
- Whether the proposed resolution should be considered at the MNLA
- Consideration of national representation for MN-S Women and Elders
- Potentially encouraging the MNC to amend their bylaws to ensure Youth representation at GAs and potentially on the Board of Governors.

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

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

Council (PMC);

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

WHEREAS the MN-S seeks to ensure that the unique perspectives and needs of Métis Youth are reflected in government decisions, policy and programming, as reflected in the mandate letter to the Minister of Youth and the resolution approving the selection of the Métis Youth Council at the June 2022 PMC Meeting;

WHEREAS it is stated in the Métis National Council (MNC) Secretariat Inc. Bylaws that the MNC General Assembly shall have the responsibility for the formulation of national policies, and it is important to ensure Youth voices are reflected in these national policies;

WHEREAS the MN-S is responsible for selecting fifteen (15) elected provincial voting delegates to attend the MNC General Assembly, and the method of selection of delegates is to be determined by the MN-S, as stated in the MNC Bylaws; and

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* states that the delegates to the MNC General Assembly shall be the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), and the remainder shall be chosen from amongst the members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC select the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) President to be a permanent member of the 15 MN-S voting delegates for all future MNC General Assemblies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMYC President be responsible for recommending an alternate to be selected by the PMC, from within the PMC. If there are less than 15 PMC members, the PMYC President will be responsible for suggesting to the MNLA an alternate delegate, to ensure the MN-S will have 15 voting delegates if the PMYC President is unable to vote at or attend a MNC General Assembly.

MOTION DEFEATED

5 votes in favour

7 votes in opposition

9. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS UPDATE

Vice President LeClair confirmed that the Commissioner for the Review of Locals was contacting Regional Directors, and that this item would be discussed at the next PMC meeting.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-07)

It was requested that the Legislative Coordinator upload the Commissioner for Review of Locals Report to the September 20, 2022, Provincial Métis Council digital meeting binder.

9.1.1 MNLA Protocols Regarding Locals

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that this item would be discussed during the PMC Retreat on September 21, 2022.

11. MNLA SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing note titled, "Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Fall 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", dated September 15, 2022

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that this item would be considered at the October 25, 2022, PMC meeting. It was further suggested that:

- PMC members put forward names of qualified Métis citizens for the roles
- Efforts be made to find Michif Speakers.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-08)

It was requested that a resolution be drafted for consideration at the October 25, 2022, Provincial Métis Council meeting that includes:

- *Direction for the roles of Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) Speakers; and*
- *Confirmation of which Rules of Order would be followed at the MNLA.*

10. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Related information (provided with the agenda): Presentation titled, “The Q-1 Financial Report Fiscal year – 2022-23”

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reviewed the presentation provided with the agenda, and noted that the format would be used to provide quarterly financial updates to the PMC.

During the presentation, comments were offered on:

- The balancing of revenues versus expenses throughout the year
- 2022 Elections expenses related to ongoing work of the Chief Electoral Officer
- Anticipated revenue, currently represented as “0” under Major Programs versus Expenses
 - o Future financial presentations will include anticipated revenue and projected expenses
- Three streams of federal funding administered by the MN-S Ministry of Housing
- The lack of funding provided in 2022-23 for Languages.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-09)

The Minister of Finance agreed to provide Leonard Montgrand with an update on the status of Early Learning and Child Care funding.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-10)

It was requested that the Minister of Finance redistribute a financial breakdown by project, as presented at the Spring 2022 MNLA, to Provincial Métis Council members.

Request for Action (RFA-220920-11)

It was requested that the Legislative Coordinator upload the 2021 Elections Report to the September 20, 2022, Provincial Métis Council digital binder.

14. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

That the September 20, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (220920-12)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

The September 20, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Fleury.

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

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

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

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

ABSENT:

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

DUMONT'S SCOUTS:

Felix Merasty	Josie Searson
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MN-S OFFICE:

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

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

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

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary

* denotes attendance by videoconference

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

4. OPENING PRAYER

Secretary Lisa McCallum offered an Opening Prayer.

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

CARRIED (221025-01)

3. ROLL CALL

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

CARRIED (221025-02)

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (221025-03)

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

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

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

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-221025-01)

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

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

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

CARRIED (221025-04)

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Minute Taker - MNLA

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

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

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

CARRIED (221025-05)

8.2 Order of the Day - MNLA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. DIALOGUE FORUMS – NOVEMBER 18, 2022

II. MNLA DAY ONE – NOVEMBER 19, 2022

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

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

III. MNLA DAY TWO – NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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

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

CARRIED (221025-06)

Change in Chair

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

8.3 Dumont's Scouts - MNLA

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (221025-07)

8.5 Local Participation at the MNLA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (221025-08)

Regional Director Billy Kennedy voted in opposition

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair assumed the Chair at this point.

8.6 Housing and Infrastructure

8.6.1 Emergency Repair Program (ERP)

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-221025-02)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (221025-09)

9. RULES OF THE HOUSE

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

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

10. MA FAAMII – PROVINCE-WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

CARRIED (221025-10)

(Time: 7:30 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

CARRIED (221025-11)

(Time: 8:10 p.m.)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Resource Tools for Métis People Experiencing Cancer

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

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

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

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

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

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

CARRIED (221025-12)

(Time: 8:15 p.m.)

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

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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2. Draft Minutes of the September 20, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
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8. Draft Resolution titled, "Emergency Repair Program", dated October 25, 2022

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

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