



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN  
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**  
*held January 17, 2023*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held January 17, 2023, by videoconference.

**PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Glen McCallum, President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A (arrived at 11:50 a.m.)
Lisa McCallum, Secretary (Chair)	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
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	

**REGRETS:**

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

**ELDER:**

Elder Norman Fleury

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Michael Gatin, Commissioner

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

**MN-S OFFICE:**

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Gall, Senior General Counsel	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing	Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government	

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA VARIED**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary Lisa McCallum, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its January 17, 2023 meeting.

**CARRIED (230117-01)**

**4. ROLL CALL**

Secretary McCallum conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

That the Agenda for the January 17, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
  - 6.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the November 14 and 18, 2022, PMC Meeting
  - 6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Resolutions:
  - 7.1 Provincial Métis Council Meetings / Technical Briefings Schedule for 2023
  - 7.2 Setting the Date for the Spring and Fall 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies
  - 7.3 Appointing the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  - 7.4 Commissioner for the Review of Locals – Extension
8. Tammy Mah Memorial – January 25, 2023
9. Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples – Funding Update
10. Human Resources Update (In-Camera)
11. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED (230117-02)**

***Request for Action (RFA-230117-01)***

*It was requested that the following items be considered at a future Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting or Technical Briefing: “Clarifying the Roles and Responsibilities of Regions and Locals” and “Determining Items Requiring the PMC’s Consideration”.*

**6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**6.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the November 14 and 18, 2022, PMC Meeting**

***Request for Action (RFA-230117-02)***

*It was requested that the Chief Executive Officer provide the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) with:*

- *Information on the use of a “Consent Agenda” for future PMC meetings; and*
- *Confirmation that the draft PMC meeting minutes will be sent to the PMC for review two weeks before the next PMC meeting.*

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

That the Minutes of the November 14 and 18, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED (230117-03)**

**6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

During discussion, it was confirmed that updates on Requests for Action #RFA-221114-02 and #RFA-221114-03 would be provided at the next PMC meeting.

**7. RESOLUTIONS**

**7.1 Provincial Métis Council Meetings / Technical Briefings Schedule for 2023**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution titled, “Resolution Affirming the Calendar Schedule of Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meetings”*

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at its duly convened meeting on December 11, 2020, passed a resolution (#201211-14) to establish a calendar schedule to promote efficient planning and preparation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC at this meeting of January 17, 2023, shall adhere to the following schedule for 2023 meetings of the PMC, as established:

January 17, 2023 (virtual)	June 20, 2023 (in-person)
February 14, 2023 (in-person)	July 19, 2023 (virtual)
March 21, 2023 (virtual)	September 19, 2023 (in-person)
April 18, 2023 (in-person)	October 17, 2023 (virtual)
May 16, 2023 (virtual)	November 14, 2023 (in-person)

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the in-person PMC meetings be scheduled to coincide with PMC Technical Briefings and other ministerial / portfolio-related updates.

**CARRIED (230117-04)**

**7.2 Setting the Dates for the Spring and Fall 2023 MNLAs**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution titled, “Setting the Date for the 2023 Spring and Fall Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies”*

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)**

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2023 Spring MNLA be held on May 26, 27 and 28, 2023, and that the 2023 Fall MNLA be held on November 24, 25 and 26, 2023, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**CARRIED (230117-05)**

**7.3 Appointing the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution titled, “Appointing the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”*

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)**

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC recommends the appointments of John Lagimodiere as Speaker and Merelda Fiddler-Potter as Deputy Speaker for the MNLA for a two-year term beginning in the Spring of 2023, subject to a one-year extension.

**CARRIED (230117-06)**

**7.4 Commissioner for the Review of Locals - Extension**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- *Briefing Note to the PMC from the Commissioner for Review of Locals: Michael Gatin, dated January 16, 2023*
- *Interim Report (Fall/Winter 2022) from the Commissioner for the Review of Locals, dated December 2, 2022*
- *Draft resolution titled, “Resolution Approving an Extension for the Commissioner on the Review of Locals”*

During discussion on the information provided, comments were offered on funding negotiated for the Commissioner’s work, through the Interim Fiscal Financing Agreement.

**Request for Action (RFA-230117-03)**

*The Commissioner on the Review of Locals (“Commissioner”) was requested to provide monthly status updates for Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meetings or in-person Technical Briefings, in accordance with the Commissioner’s “Terms of Reference”, approved on January 26, 2022.*

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

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) at its duly convened meeting on November 27 and 28, 2021, passed a resolution (#MNLA-211127-06) approving the appointment of a Commissioner on the Review of Locals (the “Commissioner”) to review and examine the status of all Locals in Saskatchewan, both recognized and unrecognized; and

**WHEREAS** the Commissioner position was originally posted for a one-year term, but the delivery of final reports and recommendations requires an extension to the 2023 Fall MNLA;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Métis Council, at this duly convened meeting of January 17, 2023, hereby approves the extension for the Commissioner to November 30, 2023, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00.

**CARRIED (230117-07)**

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

**8. TAMMY MAH MEMORIAL - UPDATE**

It was confirmed that the “Tammy Mah Memorial” scheduled on January 25, 2023, at Prairieland Park, in Saskatoon would be livestreamed. Further information could be requested by email ([rememberingtammy@mns.work](mailto:rememberingtammy@mns.work)) or by contacting the CEO’s office directly.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

That the January 17, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion, to consider “Item 10 – Human Resources Update”.

**CARRIED (230117-08)**

(Time: 11:10 a.m.)

**MEETING RECONVENED**

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

That the January 17, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

**CARRIED (230117-09)**

(Time: 12:00 p.m.)

**9. URBAN PROGRAMMING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UPIP) FUNDING**

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, offered comments on:

- The MN-S’ current five-year UPIP agreement, which was concluding March 31, 2023, and renegotiating the MN-S’ subsequent UPIP agreement, effective April 1, 2023
- Future discussions at an in-person PMC meeting on designing the MN-S’ overall UPIP program (e.g., potentially providing Locals with direct access to apply for UPIP funding)
- The MN-S’ delayed receipt of UPIP funding for the current fiscal year due to some Regions’ late or non-compliant UPIP reporting.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The Finance Committee’s discussions on the impacts of late or non-compliant reporting

- Considering the feasibility of halting all funding to Regions that have not complied with their reporting requirements.

PMC members were welcomed to contact Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, with questions related to UPIP funding or the processes and requirements related to accessing UPIP funding. It was further noted that, as requested, arrangements could be made for MN-S' senior staff to attend Regional Council Meetings to convey updates on current MN-S' programs and initiatives.

**10. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE**

This item was considered during the earlier in-camera discussion, in accordance with the approved agenda.

**11. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER**

The January 17, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer provided by Elder Norman Fleury.

**It was MOVED (Autumn Laing-LaRose)**

That the January 17, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now conclude.

**CARRIED (230117-10)**  
(Time: 12:20 p.m.)

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**LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were considered at the January 17, 2023 PMC meeting:*

1. Draft Agenda for the January 17, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the November 14 and 18, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Draft resolution titled, "Resolution Affirming the Calendar Schedule of Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meetings"
4. Draft resolution titled, "Setting the Date for the 2023 Spring and Fall Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies"
5. Draft resolution titled, "Appointing the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly"
6. Briefing Note to the PMC from the Commissioner for Review of Locals: Michael Gatin, dated January 16, 2023
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**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:*

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MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
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RFA Request for Action  
UPIP Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples





**3. OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

**4. OPENING REMARKS**

President McCallum welcomed PMC members, MN-S staff and citizen observers and commented on relationship building with the federal and provincial governments, which continue to strengthen the MN-S and allow for robust program delivery to Métis citizens across the province.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

That the Agenda for the March 15, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Opening Prayer
4. Opening Remarks
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
7. Review and Approval of the January 17, 2023 Minutes
8. Budget 2023/2024
9. Financial Approval Authorities
10. Consent Agenda
11. Appointment of Provincial Métis Council Chair
12. Human Resources Committee (In-Camera)
13. Other Business
14. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED (230315-01)**

**6. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sheri McLennan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Jessi Connaughton as Recording Secretary for its March 15, 2023, meeting.

**CARRIED (230315-02)**

**7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2023, MINUTES**

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

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

That the Minutes of the January 17, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED (230315-03)**

**8. BUDGET 2023/2024**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024”, dated March 15, 2023*

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, commended the work of the MN-S Finance staff on preparing the balanced 2023-2024 Operating Budget.

Matt Vermette, Acting CEO, congratulated Ministers and staff for developing strategic workplans for their respective portfolios, to inform the preparation of individual departmental budgets.

Zareen Jawaid, Deputy Director of Finance, Affiliates and Subsidiaries, reviewed the information provided. In response to questions, comments were offered on:

- A percentage of unused administrative funding that could be applied to operational programs
- Funding allocated under “Storytelling and Content Services”, which included internal transfers from Ministries to cover communications and creative needs
- The 2023-2024 Operating Budget, which would be posted online after the Spring 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

***Request for Action (RFA-230315-01)***

*It was requested that the Finance Committee schedule one in-person workshop at the Spring 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), and one virtual workshop in advance of the MNLA, to review the MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024.*

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

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

**WHEREAS** the MN-S government is committed to delivering on the commitments made to its funding partners and citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the operating budget for 2023-2024 as presented to the PMC on March 15, 2023, and recommends it be presented to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly for ratification.

**CARRIED (230315-04)**

**8. FINANCIAL APPROVAL AUTHORITIES**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- *Briefing Note titled, “Adoption of New Financial Authorities”, dated March 13, 2023*
- *Draft Resolution titled, “MN-S Operations Financial Authorities”*

The Acting CEO reviewed the briefing note, which included proposed authorities to support the timely authorization of financial transactions, and to accommodate the increase in the number of transactions associated with the 2023-2024 MN-S Operational Budget.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The composition of the Finance Committee appointed by the PMC
- The MN-S’ organizational chart to be reviewed at the PMC’s March 17, 2023 Technical Workshop.

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) 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 Finance works across all MN-S Ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

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

**WHEREAS** the MN-S government is committed to delivering on the commitments made to its funding partners and citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed amendments to financial authorities were reviewed and endorsed by the Finance Committee;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC approves the amended sub-delegated financial authorities as outlined in Schedule A (attached).

**CARRIED (230315-05)**

**11:10 a.m.**

President McCallum assumed the Chair for consideration of Items 9 and 10.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- Briefing Note titled, "Adoption of Consent Agenda Format", dated March 13, 2023
- Draft Resolution titled, "Approval of a Consent Agenda"

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

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan 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** at their duly held meeting on January 17, 2023, the PMC agreed to explore the use of a consent agenda format;

**WHEREAS** a consent agenda allows for administrative resolutions to be bundled into a single motion; and

**WHEREAS** consent agendas expedite meetings and reserve time for more important, substantive matters that require discussion, and expand opportunities for the PMC members to engage in and focus on strategic discussions and action planning;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC adopts the use of a consent agenda at the next scheduled meeting and henceforth for all duly scheduled future PMC meetings.

**CARRIED (230315-06)**

**10. APPOINTMENT OF PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL CHAIR**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Resolution on Appointment of Provincial Métis Council Chair”*

**Request for Action (RFA-230315-02)**

*It was requested that revisions to the “Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council”, include clarification on the Chair of Provincial Métis Council meetings.*

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

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan 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 efficient running of the monthly meeting of the PMC would benefit from the appointment of a meeting Chair who was not selected from among the elected officials and allows for fuller participation for all members in discussions, action planning and decision-making;

**WHEREAS** only one Chair is required per meeting, but the appointment of more than one alternative will ensure an approved person is available for all meetings; and

**WHEREAS** both John Lagimodiere and Merelda Fiddler-Potter have both proven themselves to bring excellence to the role of meeting Chair at the 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC appoints John Lagimodiere and Merelda Fiddler-Potter to serve as meeting Chairs in 2023 at the monthly meetings of the PMC.

**CARRIED (230315-07)**

**11:31 a.m.**

Vice President LeClair resumed the Chair.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

That the March 15, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion, to consider “Item 11 – Human Resources Update”.

**CARRIED (230315-08)**

(Time: 11:31 a.m.)

**MEETING RECONVENED**

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

That the March 15, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

**CARRIED (230315-09)**

(Time: 11:45 p.m.)

**11. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER**

The March 15, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer provided by Elder Norman Fleury.

**It was MOVED (Autumn Laing-LaRose)**

That the March 14, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now conclude.

**CARRIED (230315-10)**  
(Time: 11:50 a.m.)

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**ATTACHMENT**

*The following item is attached, as approved at the March 15, 2023 PMC meeting:*

1. Schedule A (as per Resolution #230315-05)

**LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were considered at the March 15, 2023 PMC meeting:*

1. Draft Agenda for the March 14, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the January 17, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Draft Resolution titled, “MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024”, dated March 15, 2023
4. Briefing Note titled, “Adoption of New Financial Authorities”, dated March 13, 2023
5. Draft Resolution titled, “MN-S Operations Financial Authorities”
6. Briefing Note titled, “Adoption of Consent Agenda Format”, dated March 13, 2023
7. Draft Resolution titled, “Approval of a Consent Agenda”
8. Draft Resolution titled, “Appointment of Provincial Métis Council Chair”

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**SCHEDULE A - MINS NEW FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES**

Position	Dollar-Limit for Non-Payroll Expenditure
Finance Committee	\$250,000 – \$1,000,000 per transaction
CEO	Up to \$250,000 per transaction
COO / CSO	Up to \$100,000 per transaction
Deputy Chief	Up to \$25,000 per transaction and within an approved budget
Director	Up to \$10,000 per transaction and within their department's approved budget



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

*held April 25, 2023*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held April 25, 2023, via videoconference.

**PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	

**ABSENT:**

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

**ELDER:**

Elder Norman Fleury

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John Lagimodiere, Chair	Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)
Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of Locals	Karen LaRocque, LFDM
	Claire Letendre, Technical Support

**MN-S OFFICE:**

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)  
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer (COO)  
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government  
Kelly Pruden, Deputy Chief of Housing and Infrastructure  
Zareen Jawaid, Deputy Director of Finance, Affiliates and Subsidiaries  
Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services  
Andi Arnold, Advisor to the COO  
Amanda Marcotte, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Administrative Transformation  
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President  
Justine Morrissette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government  
Marc Wang, Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Legal and General Counsel

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA VARIED**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

John Lagimodiere, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Chair Lagimodiere conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)**

That the Agenda for the April 25, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
  - Approval of the Recording Secretary
  - Approval of the March 15, 2023, PMC Minutes
7. Action Items from the March 15, 2023, PMC Meeting
8. Action Items from the March 14 and 17, 2023 PMC Technical Workshops
9. Proposed Budget for C-92 Consultations
10. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolutions:
  - 10.1 Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  - 10.2 Appointment of the Minute Taker
  - 10.3 Order of the Day – Adoption of the Agenda
  - 10.4 Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts
11. Ministerial / Departmental Briefing Note
12. Commission on the Review of Locals
13. Other Business
  - 13.1 Métis Nation Council Update (In-Camera)
  - 13.2 Status of Métis Women
14. Human Resources Committee (In-Camera)
15. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED (230425-01)**

**5. OPENING REMARKS**

President McCallum commented on some recent and upcoming events, including:

- The April 2023 Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which he attended with the Vice President and a delegation of Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School Survivors
- The MN-S’ September 2023 hockey tournament, including National Hockey League players
- Back to Batoche, scheduled July 20-23, 2023.



The President noted that as the MN-S continues to improve its relationships with the federal and provincial governments and to advance on important priorities, a distinctions-based focus is required to represent the best interests of the Métis people across Saskatchewan.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the March 15, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting*

The following items were presented together on the “Consent Agenda”, with the intent that they be approved by one resolution:

- Appointing the Recording Secretary for the April 25, 2023 MN-S PMC Meeting
- Approving the Minutes of the March 15, 2023 MN-S PMC Meeting.

**It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Loretta King)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Jessi Connaughton as Recording Secretary for its April 25, 2023, meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-02)**

**It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the Minutes of the March 15, 2023, PMC meeting, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-03)**

**7. ACTION ITEMS FROM THE MARCH 15, 2023 PMC MEETING**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “Action Items from the PMC Meeting held March 15, 2023”*

The List of Action Items and corresponding status updates were reviewed. It was noted that Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) Budget Review Workshops may be held May 17 and 18, 2023, subject to approval by the Minister of Finance.

**8. ACTION ITEMS FROM THE MARCH 14 AND 17, 2023 PMC TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “Action Items and Decisions from the PMC Technical Workshops held March 14 and 17, 2023”, dated April 5, 2023*

The List of Action Items and corresponding status updates were reviewed.

**10:00 a.m.**

Zareen Jawaid, Deputy Director of Finance, Affiliates and Subsidiaries, joined the meeting.

**9. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR C-92 CONSULTATIONS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- Briefing Note titled, “Approval of Budget for Consultations on Bill C-92”, dated April 20, 2023
- Draft Resolution titled, “Resolution on Proposed Budget for Consultations on Bill C-92”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Input sought on the Bill C-92 file from all MN-S departments, as Child and Family Services is a priority area for the MN-S government

- Ensuring the engagement plan reflects a distinctions-based approach and recognizes the varying needs across the province
- Amending the 2023 MN-S Operating Budget to include the Bill C-92 funding.

**10:10 a.m.**

Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of Locals, joined the meeting.

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** the MN-S was awarded restricted funding through the Government of Canada’s distinctions-based governance engagement mechanisms (GEMS) process to explore the potential of affirming the rights and jurisdiction of the MN-S over Child and Family Services for Métis Citizens under Bill C-92;

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

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

**WHEREAS** the proposed budget is recommended by the Chief Executive Officer and endorsed by the Finance Committee to ensure the MN-S can adequately engage our citizens and stakeholders within the timeline and contractual obligations set out in the GEMS funding agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council approves the proposed budget as presented, and recommends it to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly for ratification.

**CARRIED (230425-04)**

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

**10. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS**

**10.1 Appointment of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker**

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

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

**WHEREAS** Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, as amended, 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); and

**WHEREAS** the MN-S PMC, at their duly called meeting on January 17, 2023, approved that the 2023 Spring MNLA would be set for May 26, 27 and 28, 2023;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC ratify the appointments of John Lagimodiere as Speaker and Merelda Fiddler-Potter as Deputy Speaker for the MNLA on May 27 and 28, 2023, for a two-year term beginning in the Spring of 2023, with the option of a one-year extension.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-05)**

## 10.2 Appointment of the Minute Taker

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Resolution to Appoint the Minute Taker for the Spring 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”*

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as the official Minute Taker for the May 27 and 28, 2023, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-06)**

## 10.3 Order of the Day – Adoption of the Agenda

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”*

During review of the proposed MNLA Agenda/Order of the Day, discussion ensued on:

- Local participation at the MNLA, and clarity required on what constitutes a “dissolved” Local versus an “inactive” Local
- Including an update on the Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School work under “Legal Update”
- Proposed topics for the pre-MNLA Discussion Forums:
  - o Constitutional Reform (Proposed Constitutional Amendments and the Annual General Assembly)
  - o The Judicial Tribunal
  - o Bill C-92 Community Consultations.

### **Request for Action (RFA-230425-01)**

*The Regional Director of Western Region 2 agreed to contact MN-S’ Legal Counsel to discuss the status of Locals within Western Region 2.*

### **Request for Action (RFA-230425-02)**

*It was requested that the Minutes of the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA be provided to the PMC three to four weeks prior to the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA.*

### **Request for Action (RFA-230425-03)**

*It was requested that MN-S’ Legal Counsel be invited to the next PMC meeting for a discussion regarding new, inactive or dissolved Locals.*

### **Request for Action (RFA-230425-04)**

*It was requested that the Clerk of the MNLA provide the PMC with a list of Locals that have participated at MNLAs since 2017.*

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

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on January 14, 2023, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for May 26, 27 and 28, 2023;

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

**WHEREAS** an agenda is hereby proposed for the MNLA to be held on May 27 and 28, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC, at this meeting of April 25, 2023, hereby approves the following Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on May 27 and 28, 2023:

**I. DIALOGUE FORUMS – MAY 26, 2023**

**II. MNLA DAY ONE – MAY 27, 2023**

1. Grand Entry:
  - a. Lead Fiddler – Dean Smith
  - b. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
  - c. Métis Anthem – Loretta King, Western Region 1
  - d. O Canada – Loretta King, Western Region 1
2. State of the Nation - President McCallum
3. Greetings:
  - a. Métis National Council (a pre-recorded video message)
  - b. Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
  - c. Federal Government Representative
  - d. Provincial Government Representative
  - e. Mayor of the City of Saskatoon
4. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA:
  - a. Voting Delegates
5. Health Break
6. Resolution for Rules of the House – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA:
  - a. Adoption of the Rules of the House Resolution
7. MNLA Motions:
  - a. Appointment of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  - b. Appointment of the Minute Taker
  - c. Order of the Day – Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Appointment of Dumont's Scouts
  - e. Acceptance of New/Dissolved Locals
8. Review of the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA Minutes:
  - a. Reading of the Record of Decisions – November 19-20, 2022 MNLA
  - b. Adoption of the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA Minutes
  - c. Business Arising from the Minutes
9. Lunch
10. Legal and Legislation Update – Panel Discussion:
  - a. Vice President Michelle LeClair
  - b. Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

11. MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024 – Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance:
  - a. Overview and Presentation
  - b. Resolution to Ratify the MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024
12. Health Break
13. Proposed Budget for C-92 Consultations and Métis Child and Family Services Plan:
  - a. Resolution to Support the Métis Child and Family Services Plan
14. UNDRIP Position Paper:
  - a. Resolution to Accept the Position Paper
15. Commission on the Review of Locals Update – Michael Gatin, Commissioner
16. Adjournment
17. Closing Prayer
18. Entertainment and Banquet

### III. MNLA DAY TWO – May 28, 2023

1. Opening Prayer – Elder Margaret Harrison
2. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
3. Chief Executive Officer Report – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
4. Technical Panel A:
  - a. Health and Addictions
  - b. Environment
  - c. Education and Post-Secondary Education
  - d. Language and Culture
5. Health Break
6. Technical Panel B:
  - a. Women (MMIWG – Family Information Liaison Office) and Youth
  - b. Housing
  - c. Ma Faamii
  - d. Early Learning and Childcare
7. Lunch
8. Motions to Accept Reports:
  - a. Executive
  - b. Regional
  - c. Ministerial
  - d. Affiliates
9. Motions and Resolutions
10. Health Break
11. Motions and Resolutions (Continued)
12. Conclusion
13. Closing Prayer

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, in accordance with Article 2.11 of the *Act*, that the Clerk of the MNLA prepare the Order of the Day for May 27 and 28, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-07)**

#### 10.4 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution to Appoint Dumont's Scouts for the May 27-28, 2023, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly*

The importance of notifying Dumont's Scouts well in advance of each MNLA, was noted.

For future MNLAs, it was suggested that each Region submit names of potential Dumont's Scouts to the MNLA Clerk, to ensure the role is filled on a rotating basis, with representation from across Saskatchewan.

**It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) 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 May 27-28, 2023 MNLA: John Belanger, Adam Daigneault, Wade Daigneault, and Felix Merasty.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-08)**

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Darlene Langan, Interim President, LFDM, was present when the meeting resumed.

**11. MINISTERIAL / DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING NOTE**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Ministerial / Departmental Reports Submitted to the COO from Early Learning and Child Care, Lands and Environment, Health, Mental Health and Addictions, Housing, Infrastructure, Education and Post-Secondary Education, Sport, Youth, Culture, Language, and Women and Gender Equity*

This item was provided for information.

**1:25 p.m.**

Tim Roussin, Regional Director, Eastern Region 2A, departed the meeting.

***Request for Action (RFA-230425-05)***

*It was requested that Ministerial Briefings and Departmental Reports be posted and accessible on the MN-S website.*

**12. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note titled, "Commission for the Review of Locals: Technical Brief", dated April 19, 2023*

Michael Gatin, Commissioner, reviewed the briefing note, and offered additional comments on:

- Whether Locals whose status is in question could attend the MNLA as observers
- The importance of anonymity and confidentiality when consulting citizens and Locals
- Following Regional protocols, while encouraging communication between Locals and the respective Regional Director.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Capacity and support required for Locals, and future discussions on a fair funding formula
- The Commissioner's intent to engage with Youth and PMC members as part of consultation
- Addressing lateral violence in a restorative and respectful way
- Including a breakdown of demographics in the Commissioner's report (e.g., Youth participants)
- The importance of protecting and securing the data collected in the Commissioner's work.

1:55 p.m.

Karen LaRocque, CEO, LFDM, joined the meeting.

**Request for Action (RFA-230425-06)**

*It was requested that the Commissioner for the Review of Locals indicate on the Commission's online survey that "all data collected will be protected and held by the Commission".*

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m. Regional Director Roussin was present when the meeting resumed.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.2 Status of Métis Women**

Darlene Langan, LFDM, recognized the importance of being accountable to the MN-S for capacity funding received, and provided updates on the following:

- Engaging with an Auditor to prepare LFDM's financial statements
- Submitting reports to the MN-S Finance Department
- Scheduling an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to ratify amended bylaws
- Establishing a LFDM Finance Committee and a Fundraising Committee
- Engagement sessions on family violence, commencing April 1, 2023.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Efforts to complete and submit LFDM's audited financial statements to MN-S
- The importance of having Métis women representation from each Region
- Anticipation of women's representatives being on the 2025 provincial election ballot, pending MNLA approval of amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*
- The potential to hold a virtual election before the 2025 provincial election to elect a LFDM President and to fill Regional vacancies
- Terms and the process for electing/appointing new Regional representatives.

**Request for Action (RFA-230425-07)**

*It was requested that the interim LFDM President provide the PMC with a list of Métis women representatives from each Region.*

**IN-CAMERA**

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

That the April 25, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting, to consider the following items included on the approved agenda:

- Item 13.1 "Métis National Council Update"
- Item 14 "Human Resources Committee".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-09)**

**CONCLUSION**

The April 25, 2023 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting concluded at 3:22 p.m.

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## **LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were presented for consideration at the April 25, 2023, PMC meeting:*

1. Draft Agenda for the April 25, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the March 15, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Action Items from the March 15, 2023 PMC Meeting
4. List of Actions and Decisions from the March 14 and 17, 2023, PMC Technical Workshops
5. Briefing Note titled, “Approval of Budget for Consultations on Bill C-92”, dated April 20, 2023
6. Draft Resolution titled, “Resolution on Proposed Budget for Consultations on Bill C-92”
7. Draft Resolution titled, “Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly”
8. Draft Resolution titled, “Resolution to Approve Minute Taker for the Spring 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”
9. Draft Resolution titled, “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”
10. Draft Resolution to Appoint Dumont's Scouts for the May 27-28, 2023, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
11. Ministerial / Departmental Reports Submitted to the COO from: Early Learning and Child Care, Lands and Environment, Health, Mental Health and Addictions, Housing, Infrastructure, Education and Post-Secondary Education, Sport, Youth, Culture, Language, and Women and Gender Equity
12. Briefing Note titled, “Commission for the Review of Locals: Technical Brief”, dated April 19, 2023

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:*

AGM	Annual General Meeting
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CSO	Chief Strategy Officer
GEMS	Government Engagement Mechanisms
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 MEETING**  
*held May 16, 2023*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held May 16, 2023, by videoconference.

**PRESENT:**

***Provincial Métis Council***

Glen McCallum, 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

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

Loretta King, Western Region 1

Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council

Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

***Absent***

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

**ELDER:**

Elder Norman Fleury

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

Ron Nowlan, Office of the Commissioner for the  
Review of Locals

**MN-S OFFICE:**

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst

Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services

Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President

Justine Morrissette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary (from recording)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m.

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

**3. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that quorum was established.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden-Nansel)**

That the Agenda for the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
  - Approval of the Recording Secretary
  - Approval of the April 25, 2023, PMC Minutes
7. Action Items from the April 25, 2023, PMC Meeting
8. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolutions
9. Financial Update
10. Commission on the Review of Locals
11. Housing Modular Builds and Land Purchase
12. Human Resources Committee - Updates (In-Camera)
13. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED (230516-01)**

**5. OPENING REMARKS**

President McCallum reviewed recent and ongoing discussions with Federal and Provincial Government representatives, and Governing Members' preparations for the Canada-Métis Nation Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Summit with the Prime Minister on June 1, 2023.

An update was provided on efforts with the Government of Saskatchewan to respond to Métis communities and citizens impacted by wildfires and evacuations.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Minutes of the April 25, 2023 MN-S PMC Meeting*

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following items presented on the "Consent Agenda":

- Appoint Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for the May 16, 2023 PMC Meeting; and
- Approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2023 PMC Meeting.

**CARRIED (230516-02)**

**7. ACTION ITEMS FROM THE APRIL 25, 2023 PMC MEETING**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): List of Requests for Action, from the April 25, 2023 Regular Meeting*

During a review of the Requests for Action, additional comments were offered on:

- RFA230425-01: The Regional Director of Western Region 2 (WR2) reported that

- documentation related to Locals in WR2 had been submitted to the MN-S Legal Counsel
- RFA230425-03: An update on new, inactive and dissolved Locals will be provided at a future PMC meeting
  - RFA230425-05: It was anticipated that Ministerial Briefings and Departmental Reports would be uploaded to the MN-S website by June 30, 2023
  - RFA230425-07: A list titled, “Les Filles de Madeleine Regional Métis Women Representatives” was provided with the agenda for the May 16, 2023 PMC Meeting for information.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- A future PMC meeting could discuss Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) and the feasibility of including the Métis Women's elections in the 2025 MN-S Provincial Election process
- A proposal was submitted for a virtual election of an Interim President for LFDM; further clarification regarding the costing of the proposal was needed.

### **Health Break**

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

### **8. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- *Resolutions prepared for consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA*
- *Resolutions being reviewed for potential consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA*

Richard Quintal, CEO, commented on the feasibility of implementing a process for introducing resolutions to the MN-S government, which would provide more time for research and analysis by utilizing an incremental approval approach.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The “Rules of the House”, which were adapted to include workshop feedback received
- Article 6 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, which states that the Clerk of the MNLA will be the CEO of the MN-S
- Article 2 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*, which states that the MNLA will be comprised of Local Presidents, the PMC, representatives of the Métis Women of Saskatchewan and the Provincial Métis Youth Council.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

#### **It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)**

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion.

**CARRIED (230516-03)**

(Time: 10:55 a.m.)

### **MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting reconvened after the in-camera discussion and a meal break at approximately 1:45 p.m. A roll call was conducted to confirm that quorum was established.

**AGENDA VARIED**

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

That the order of the agenda for the May 16, 2023 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be varied to continue consideration of Item 8 later in the meeting.

**CARRIED (230516-04)**

**9. FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reported that:

- The “MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024” was approved by the PMC on March 15, 2023, and would be presented for ratification at the MNLA
- The new MN-S Director of Finance would begin on June 5, 2023
- MN-S citizens were invited to attend Finance Workshops scheduled:
  - o May 15, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and
  - o May 23, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**10. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “Commission for the Review of Locals, Technical Brief” dated May 16, 2023, and related attachments*

Ron Nowlan, Office of the Commissioner for the Review of Locals, referenced the information provided and offered additional comments on meetings and events that had occurred, including:

- A May 2, 2023 meeting with representatives from the MN-S Registry Office, regarding the MN-S citizenship registration process
- A May 9, 2023 meeting with the MN-S Executive Committee, regarding:
  - o How the Commission’s final recommendations should be submitted
  - o An email prepared for MN-S citizens, which was pending approval
  - o A newsletter inviting MN-S citizens to participate in virtual discussions
- Recent meetings in Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Regina, including Local Representatives and Members; meetings in Saskatoon were also scheduled.

Additional comments were offered on upcoming meetings and events, including:

- A May 24, 2023 meeting with the Electoral Office
- Meetings to be scheduled with the PMC and a number of Regions and Locals
- Contacting Ron Nowlan by email ([rnowlan@mns.work](mailto:rnowlan@mns.work)), to schedule a meeting with the Commissioner for the Review of Locals.

**AGENDA VARIED**

The meeting resumed consideration of Item 8 in accordance with Resolution #230516-04.

**8. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

Richard Quintal, CEO, explained that some of the resolutions submitted for presentation at the MNLA were still being considered, as further reviews were required. Potential revisions may be discussed with the respective Movers and Seconders.

## **11. HOUSING MODULAR BUILDS AND LAND PURCHASE**

Loretta King, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, and Matt Vermette, COO, reported on:

- Discussions with “3twenty Modular”, towards establishing a partnership to design and construct modular homes for citizens in accordance with the MN-S’ Housing Strategy
- Allocating funds from the housing budget to enable the MN-S to acquire a parcel of land where the homes could be constructed.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Designing and constructing modular buildings for each region, to accommodate the delivery and operation of MN-S government’s programs and services (e.g., Ma Famii)
- An updated cost estimate for the materials required to construct the modular buildings; adjustments may be considered to economize, where possible.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting, to consider the following items:

- Item 11 “Housing Modular Builds and Land Purchase” (property-related matters)
- Item 14 “Human Resources Committee”.

**CARRIED (230516-05)**

(Time: 2:40 p.m.)

### **MEETING RECONVENED**

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

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting now reconvene.

**CARRIED (230516-06)**

(Time: 3:50 p.m.)

The following “Request for Action” was introduced during the preceding in-camera meeting:

#### **Request for Action (IC-RFA-230516-01)**

*It was requested that staff collaborate with the Chief Electoral Officer to prepare a proposal for holding a virtual election for the President of Les Filles de Madeleine, to present to the Provincial Métis Council for consideration.*

### **CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER**

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

#### **It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Darlene Langan)**

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting, now conclude.

**CARRIED (230516-07)**

(Time: 4:00 p.m.)



**LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were presented for consideration at the May 16, 2023, PMC meeting:*

1. Draft Agenda for the May 16, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the April 25, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. List of Requests for Action from the April 25, 2023 PMC Meeting
4. Resolutions prepared for consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA
5. Resolutions being reviewed for potential consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA
6. List titled, “Les Filles de Madeleine Regional Métis Women Representatives”
7. “Commission for the Review of Locals, Technical Brief” dated May 16, 2023, and related attachments

**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:*

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CSO	Chief Strategy Officer
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
WR2	Western Region 2



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN  
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**  
*held September 21, 2023*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held September 21, 2023, in the Alhambra Room, Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, 405 Spray Avenue, Banff, Alberta.

**PRESENT:**

***Provincial Métis Council***

Glen McCallum, President

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council, Chair

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3

Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1

Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1

Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

Loretta King, Western Region 1

Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2 (*virtually*)

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

***Absent***

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Deborah Fortosky, Northern Research Group

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

**MN-S OFFICE:**

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer

Chris Gall, Senior General Council/Deputy Chief

Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government

Kelly Pruden, Deputy Chief of Housing and Infrastructure

Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services

Andi Arnold, Advisor to the Chief Operating Officer

Amanda Marcotte, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Administrative Transformation

Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President

Justine Morrissette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government

Kristi Ross, Manager, Culture and Heritage, Language and Veterans

Kim Van Burgsteden, Director of Finance

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Jana Anderson, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.



**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Darlene Langan, LFDM, provided an Opening Prayer and condolence messages.

**3. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that quorum was established.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

That the Agenda for the September 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
  - Approval of the Recording Secretary
  - Approval of the May 16, 2023, PMC Minutes
7. Action Items from the May 16, 2023, PMC Meeting
8. Resolutions
  - 8.1 Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule
  - 8.2 Approval of Signing Authority for new Director of Finance
  - 8.3 Ministerial Re-Assignment
  - 8.4 Approval of PMC 2023/24 Strategic Plan Report
  - 8.5 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board Appointments
9. UPIP Funding Model
10. Financial Update
11. Commission on the Review of Locals
12. Legal Update
13. In-Camera
  - 13.1 Human Resources Committee - Updates
  - 13.2 Building Purchase Saskatoon (Vienna Building)
14. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-01)**

**5. OPENING REMARKS**

President McCallum reviewed recent and upcoming events including:

- Celebrations at Back to Batoche in July 2023 and efforts to continue building on this success
- MN-S retreat held September 19-20, 2023
- Plans by MN-S Ministers and staff to provide updates on programs and activities
- A reminder of the importance of applying for MN-S citizenship
- Upcoming Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) in November 2023.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.1 Approval of Recording Secretary**

**6.2 Review/Approval of May 16, 2023, Provincial Métis Council Draft Minutes**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Minutes of the May 16, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting*

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Laura Burnoff)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following items presented on the “Consent Agenda”:

- Appointment of Jana Anderson as Recording Secretary for the September 21, 2023, PMC Meeting; and
- Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2023, PMC Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-02)**

**7. ACTION ITEMS FROM THE MAY 16, 2023, PMC MEETING**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): List of Requests for Action, from the May 16, 2023, Regular Meeting*

During a review of the Requests for Action, it was noted that:

- RFA230425-04: The roll call lists from MNLAs since 2017, will be provided at the October 2023 PMC meeting
- IC-RFA230516-01:
  - o A resolution was approved by Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) regarding adding the election of the President to the MN-S ballot box election process; a meeting has been scheduled with MN-S staff to review the resolution to bring it forward to the next MNLA
  - o As the budget passed by the MNLA in May 2023 did not consider elections, this request could be reviewed by the Finance Committee
- LFDM scheduled a meeting to review their audited financial statements; once approved, the statements will be submitted as required, to receive capacity funding.

During discussion, support was offered on creating an ad hoc committee of the PMC to review and provide an update report to the PMC on:

- LFDM’s election process, including a review of LFDM’s resolution to be on the 2025 MN-S ballot box and how this could affect MN-S’ self-government and not-for-profit status
- Using capacity funding (once received) to schedule a Women’s meeting
- The composition of the current LFDM Board of Directors and vacancies.

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, volunteered to canvass PMC members on their interest in serving on the LFDM Ad Hoc Committee.

**8. RESOLUTIONS**

**8.1 Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule”*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the draft resolution, and confirmed that the meetings would alternate between virtual and in-person, with the first meeting in January 2024 being virtual.

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)**

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC at this meeting of September 21, 2023, shall adhere to the following PMC meeting schedule of every third Tuesday of each calendar month for 2024 as noted below:

- January 16, 2024
- February 20, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- May 21, 2024
- June 18, 2024
- September 17, 2024
- October 15, 2024
- November 19, 2024

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any and all PMC meeting materials and decision items distributed to members of the PMC and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan administration shall be protected by the rule of confidentiality, to uphold the principle of Métis government solidarity and collective responsibility.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-03)**

**8.2 Approval of Signing Authority for New Director of Finance**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Approval of Signing Authority for new Director of Finance”*

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, confirmed that once a resignation from a signing authority is received, the MN-S collaborates with the bank to eliminate all access. This process requires a resolution from the PMC to ensure adherence to established procedures and protocols.

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

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

**AND WHEREAS** on May 1, 2023, Hamid Shahzad, a designated signing authority, ceased employment with MN-S;

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

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

- Glen McCallum, President
- Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance
- Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Matthew Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
- Kim Van Burgsteden, Director of Finance.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-04)**

### 8.3 Ministerial Reassignments

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Re-appointment of Ministerial Portfolios”*

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

**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 MN-S works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

**WHEREAS** Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (“Constitution”)* confers upon the President the discretion to assign Ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the 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;

**AND WHEREAS** the Education Ministerial Portfolio will be reorganized in order to address long-term challenges for effective design and efficient delivery of services that meets the needs of our citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ministerial Portfolio appointments for Post-Secondary and Education, Early Learning and Childcare and Constitutional Reform be made by the President as follows:

- Post-Secondary and Education (K-12): President Glen McCallum
- Associate Minister of Post-Secondary and Education (K-12): Wendy Gervais
- Early Learning and Childcare: Sherry McLennan
- Associate Minister of Constitutional Reform: Secretary Lisa McCallum.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Wendy Gervais as Associate Minister of Post-Secondary and Education will assume the role as Chair of the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-05)**

### 8.4 Approval of PMC 2023/24 Strategic Plan Report (Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities)

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- Briefing note titled, “Review and Adoption of draft MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles/Values, and Key Priority Areas”
- Draft resolution titled, “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Vision, Guiding Principles/Values, and Key Priorities”

Deborah Fortosky, Northern Research Group, reviewed a presentation titled, “Recap of Fall PMC Strategic Planning Session”, and provided an overview of the revised draft vision, values, and key priorities, agreed to in-principle, by the PMC.

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

**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 MN-S works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

**WHEREAS** the PMC, at its Fall 2021 Retreat, developed and agreed in-principle on a MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities for this term of government;

**WHEREAS** this resolution seeks to affirm and approve the following MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities for the rest of this term of government:

∞ **Vision:**

- MN-S is a healthy, self-sustaining sovereign nation rooted in Métis culture, language, values, and community which will act in solidarity to protect and advance our traditional homeland and the rights of our citizens.

∞ **Guiding Principles and Values**

- Kaa ishi Pimaatishiyaahek (The Way We Live)
- Family Oriented and Nurturing of the Next Generation
- Kishaywaatishihk (Good Heart)
- Loyalty
- Shared Prosperity and Reciprocity
- Environmental Stewardship and Connectedness to the Land
- Spiritual Connectivity
- Resiliency
- Respect for the Leadership Role of Women, Youth, Elders and 2SLGBTQQIA+ in the Community
- Pride in Our Distinctiveness

∞ **Key Priorities**

- Health and Wellness
- Self Determination and Sovereignty
- Identity, Culture and Language
- Land and Rights
- Economic Prosperity

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities, developed by the PMC, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-06)**

## 8.5 Gabriel Dumont Institute – Board Appointments

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

**WHEREAS** Western Region 1 at their duly held meeting on September 14, 2023, recommended that Jaycee Wells sit on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors, representing Western Region 1;

**WHEREAS** Western Region 2 at their duly held meeting on June 24, 2023, recommended that Jennifer Brown sit on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors, representing Western Region 2;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Métis Council ratify the appointments of Jaycee Wells to represent Western Region 1 and Jennifer Brown to represent Western Region 2 on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors, to be effective immediately.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-07)**

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

## 9. UPIP FUNDING MODEL

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note titled, “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples”*

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the information provided and offered comments on:

- The current Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding agreement
- An opportunity for the PMC to provide feedback on proposed funding allocation models:
  - o Option 1: Population based amount
  - o Option 2: Population based amount plus a \$25,000 base
  - o Option 3: Population based amount plus a \$50,000 base
- The option for Locals to work with a UPIP Coordinator.

In response to questions, it was noted that:

- The UPIP funding agreement includes language reflective of the need to support people that are not part of a Local; youth have received a carve out
- The issue of culture and language funding being delivered by Locals, will be brought back to the fall MNLA
- Locals would not be able to conduct events now and be reimbursed later
- Information about language funding will be provided at a future PMC meeting.

After reviewing the options presented, it was confirmed that, in order to allocate the funding as soon as possible, it would be beneficial to maintain the current funding allocation formula.

## 10. FINANCIAL UPDATE

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Presentation titled, “2023-2024 Quarter 1 Review”*

Kim Van Burgsteden, Director of Finance, reviewed the presentation, and provided an update on the budget, funding streams and year-to-year comparisons.

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, thanked the finance team for implementing system changes to align with the MNLA requests for financial information.

It was confirmed that funding for the bereavement program would be included in the 2024 budget.

**11. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Memorandum from Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of Locals, dated September 15, 2023*

This item was provided for information.

**12. LEGAL UPDATE**

No legal updates were provided.

**13. IN-CAMERA**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

That the September 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-08)**

(Time: 2:17 p.m.)

**MEETING RECONVENED**

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

That the September 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting now reconvene.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-09)**

(Time: 3:16 p.m.)

**CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Secretary McCallum.

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

That the September 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting, now conclude.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-10)**

(Time: 3:19 p.m.)

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**LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were presented for consideration at the September 21, PMC meeting:*

1. Draft Agenda for the September 21, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the May 16, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Action Items from the May 16, 2023, PMC Meeting
4. Draft Resolution titled, “Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule”
5. Draft Resolution titled, “Approval of Signing Authority for new Director of Finance”
6. Draft Resolution titled, “*Re-appointment of Ministerial Portfolios*”
7. Briefing Note titled, “Review and Adoption of draft MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities”
8. Draft Resolution titled, “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities”
9. Briefing Note titled, “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples”
10. Presentation titled, “2023-2024 Quarter 1 Review”
11. Memorandum from Michael Gatin, Commissioner for Review of Locals, dated September 15, 2023

**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
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples





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

*held November 21, 2023*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held November 21, 2023, in the Wildhorse 2 Meeting Room, at Dakota Dunes Resort, 203 Dakota Dunes Way, Whitecap, Saskatchewan.

**PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL:** *(attended in-person or by videoconference)*

**Present**

Glen McCallum, President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	

**Absent**

Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A
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**ALSO PRESENT:**

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair  
Elder Norman Fleury  
Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of Locals (Item 10.1)  
Brian Heinrichs, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants (Item 8.1)  
Elder Max Morin  
Sheryl Noete, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants (Item 8.1)

**MN-S OFFICE:** *(additional MN-S representatives attended as “Observers”)*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer  
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer  
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer  
Chris Gall, Deputy Chief / Senior General Counsel  
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government  
Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services  
Claire Letendre, Technical Support  
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:**

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

**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**  
Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.
2. **OPENING PRAYER**  
Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.
3. **ROLL CALL**  
A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that quorum was present.
5. **OPENING REMARKS**  
President McCallum acknowledged some recent and upcoming events, and commented on:
  - Agreements the MN-S had achieved, including with the University of Saskatchewan and the Province of Saskatchewan
  - Discussions with Regional Directors on potential economic development opportunities
  - Ongoing efforts to address social challenges, including high incarceration and apprehension rates, the impacts of substance abuse, and the rise in gang activities.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

That the Agenda for the November 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks
6. Approval of the Agenda:
  - 6.1 Approval of the Consent Agenda:
    - Appointing the Recording Secretary – Carrie Peacock
    - Approval of the October 4 and 17, 2023, PMC Minutes
  - 6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Request for Action: Update on RFA230425-04 List of Locals
8. Resolutions:
  - 8.1 Approval of the Audited Financial Statements for 2022/2023
  - 8.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2023/2024
  - 8.3 MNLA Schedule for 2024/2025
9. MNLA Resolution:
  - 9.1 Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability
10. In-Camera:
  - 10.1 Commission for the Review of Locals - Final Report
  - 10.2 Board Appointments:
    - 10.2.1 Gabriel Dumont Institute
    - 10.2.2 Clarence Campeau Development Fund
  - 10.3 Legal Updates
  - 10.4 Agenda for the Métis National Council General Assembly
  - 10.5 Human Resources Update
11. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231121-01)**

## 6.1 Approval of the Consent Agenda

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the October 4 and 17, 2023, MN-S PMC Meetings*

### **It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Darlene Langan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following items presented on the “Consent Agenda”:

- Appointment of Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for the November 21, 2023 PMC Meeting; and
- Adoption of the Minutes of the October 4 and 17, 2023, PMC Meetings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231121-02)**

## 6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on some previous PMC decisions, updates were provided on the following:

- RFA230425-04: The list of Locals represented at MNLAs since 2017, was being developed
- Members selected to participate on the LFDM Committee, will be contacted to confirm their consent to participate; letters will then be sent to each, confirming their appointments
- Scheduling “Workshops on the Financial Audited Statements” during the Discussion Forum, prior to the Spring 2024 MNLA.

### **Request for Action (RFA-231121-01)**

*It was requested that future attendance lists attached to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly minutes, indicate the name of each attendee’s Local.*

### **Request for Action (RFA-231121-02)**

*It was requested that the agenda for the next Provincial Métis Council meeting include updates on the appointments made to Les Filles de Madeleine Committee; and the Health Equity Fund.*

## Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m. Brian Heinrichs and Sheryl Noete, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, were present when the meeting resumed.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS

### 8.1 Approval of the Audited Financial Statements for 2022/2023

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “Audited Financial Statements of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., for the year ending March 31, 2023”, and accompanying statements, notes and schedules*

Brian Heinrichs and Sheryl Noete, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, led the meeting in a review of the “Audited Financial Statements of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., for the year ending March 31, 2023”, the statements of the Financial Position, Operations, and Cash Flows, and accompanying notes and schedules.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- The “Audit Completion Report” prepared by the Auditor, which explained the audit process
- The reference to an “unqualified audit”, which confirmed that the Auditor did not find any errors and was confident that the financial statements were not materially misstated.

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

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on November 21, 2023 reviewed the draft audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ending March 31, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC approves the draft audited financial statements of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ending March 31, 2023, which includes statements of the financial position, operations, and cash flows, and accompanying notes and schedules.

**CARRIED (231121-03)**

**11:10 a.m.**

Brian Heinrichs and Sheryl Noete, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, left the meeting.

**8.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2023/2024**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Appointment of the Auditor”, dated November 21, 2023*

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

**WHEREAS** Section 5(a) of the *Bylaws of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.*, provides that the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. be placed before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA); and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) has approved the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ending March 31, 2023, completed by Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC recommends Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, to be the auditors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the fiscal year 2023-2024, ending March 31, 2024.

**CARRIED (231121-04)**

Thanks were extended to the Virtus Group LLP and to MN-S staff for their support, which contributed to the completion of the financial statements.

**8.3 MNLA Schedule for 2024/2025**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “MNLA Schedule for 2024/2025”, dated November 21, 2023*

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The objective of the Special 2025 MNLA, to consider matters related to self-government and treaty making; and the 2025 General Assembly, to consider constitutional amendments
- Discussions scheduled at the Spring 2024 MNLA on proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and the *Elections Act*
- A vote anticipated on the final proposed amendments to the *Constitution*, *Elections Act*, *Locals Act*, and *Regions Act* at the Fall 2024 MNLA.

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

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

**WHEREAS** the process of nation building occurs in progressive stages and may require a Special MNLA for the adoption of legislation and other governing instruments to ensure good governance and accountability;

**WHEREAS** constitutional amendments are expected to be considered by delegates of the Fall 2024 MNLA, and will require ratification by a General Assembly as per the *Constitution*;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that MNLAs be held at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on the following dates:

- Spring 2024 MNLA: May 24-26, 2024
- Fall 2024 MNLA: November 22-24, 2024
- Special 2025 MNLA: February 8-9, 2025
- Spring 2025 MNLA: April 4-6, 2025
- Fall 2025 MNLA: November 28-30, 2025;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a General Assembly be tentatively scheduled on December 7, 2024, recognizing that this may be modified depending on the determination of need, by the PMC.

**CARRIED (231121-05)**

**9. MNLA RESOLUTION**

**9.1 Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution on “Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability”*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, led the meeting in a review of a draft resolution received for consideration at the MNLA.

**10. IN-CAMERA**

It was agreed to adjourn the current meeting and convene an in-camera meeting to consider the following:

- 10.1 Commission for the Review of Locals - Final Report
- 10.2 Board Appointments
- 10.3 Legal Update
- 10.4 Métis National Council – Agenda for the General Assembly
- 10.5 Human Resources Update.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned with a prayer offered by Elder Norman Fleury.

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

That the November 21, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion.

**CARRIED (231121-06)**

Time: 12:00 p.m.

## MEETING RECONVENED

### **It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Loretta King)**

That the November 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now reconvene.

**CARRIED (231121-07)**

(Time: 5:30 p.m.)

**5:40 p.m.**

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, left the meeting.

### **10.4 Agenda for the Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “DRAFT Agenda for the December 13-14, 2023 MNC General Assembly”*

During discussion on the agenda, comments were offered on:

- Clarifications for the MNC agenda, including:
  - o Loretta King will be singing the Métis Anthem (not “O Canada”)
  - o The “What We Heard Report” by Lynne Toupin, should be omitted as it is not completed
- Suggested additions for the MNC agenda, including:
  - o The MNC 2021 and 2022 resolutions, being considered by the MNC Expert Panel
  - o An update on *Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*
  - o A Report on Current MNC Priorities
  - o Updates on the MNC Leadership Tables
  - o An Update on the Veterans Fund.

### ***Request for Action (RFA-231121-03)***

*It was requested that a report be prepared for a future Provincial Métis Council meeting explaining the role of the Métis National Council.*

### **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

It was confirmed that Raina LaCroix, Sea Cadet, would be recognized at the MNLA for receiving the Cadet Medal of Excellence, and would be appointed as a Dumont’s Scout.

### **12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting concluded at 6:35 p.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Max Morin.

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## **LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were presented for consideration at the meeting:*

1. Draft Agenda for the November 21, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the October 4 and 17, 2023, MN-S PMC Meetings
3. Audited Financial Statements of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., for the year ending March 31, 2023”, and accompanying statements, notes and schedules
4. Draft Resolution titled, “Appointment of the Auditor”, dated November 21, 2023
5. Draft Resolution titled, “MNLA Schedule for 2024/2025”, dated November 21, 2023
6. Draft Resolution on “Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability”
7. Draft Agenda for the December 13-14, 2023 MNC General Assembly

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:*

MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council