



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

*held April 19, 2024*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held April 19, 2024, at the Sandman Signature South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL:**

***Present***

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A (arrived at 11:00 a.m.)
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine
Ryan Carriere, Eastern 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

***Absent***

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Elder Norman Fleury	John Lagimodiere, Chair
Elder Louise Oelke	

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

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer  
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer  
Christopher Gall, Deputy Chief / Senior General Counsel  
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Policy and Self Determination  
Heather Hallgrimson, Policy Analyst  
Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Diane Parsons, 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**

John Lagimodiere, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Norman Fleury and Elder Louise Oelke provided Opening Prayers.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

During discussion, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda, to include consideration of:

- Item 7.3 - Resolution on Constitutional Reform Priorities; and
- Item 7.4 - Resolution on Bill C-53 and MN-S Treaty Direction.

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

That the Agenda for the April 19, 2024, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks – President Glen McCallum
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
  - 6.1 Appointing the Recording Secretary
  - 6.2 Approval of the February 22, 2024 Provincial Métis Council Meeting Minutes
7. Requests for Action:
  - 7.1 RFA 240116-01 – Categorizing the “MNLA Roll Call 2017-2023” Into Regions
  - 7.2 RFA 240116-02 – Interim Policy on Keeping Locals in Good Standing and Briefing Note to Keep Locals in Good Standing
  - 7.3 Resolution on Constitutional Reform Priorities
  - 7.4 Resolution on Bill C-53 and MN-S Treaty Direction
8. Resolutions:
  - 8.1 Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference
  - 8.2 Approval of Women’s Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference
  - 8.3 Approval of Accountability and Transparency Committee Terms of Reference
9. 2024 Spring MNLA Resolutions:
  - 9.1 Approval of the Order of the Day
  - 9.2 Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts
10. Les Filles des Madeleine (LFDM) Update Report
11. Constitutional Reform Update
12. Financial Update
13. Regional Capacity Funding Review
14. In-Camera Session:
  - 14.1 Establishment of a Gaming Ad Hoc Committee
  - 14.2 Approval of Gaming Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference
  - 14.3 Legal Update
  - 14.4 Human Resources Update
15. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240419-01)**

**5. OPENING REMARKS**

President McCallum acknowledged recent and upcoming events, and commented on:

- Priorities considered during the April 16-18, 2024 PMC Technical Workshops
- Mobilizing resources to complete steps for self-government by January 2025.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the February 22, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting*

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

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

- Appointment of Diane Parsons as Recording Secretary for the April 19, 2024, PMC Meeting; and
- Adoption of the Minutes of the February 22, 2024, PMC Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240419-02)**

**7. REQUESTS FOR ACTION (From Previous PMC Meetings)**

**7.1 RFA 240116-01 – Categorizing the “MNLA Roll Call 2017-2023” Into Regions**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “MNLA Roll Call 2017-2023 by Region”*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, advised that the “MNLA Roll Call 2017-2023” had been sorted by region and provided to the PMC.

**7.2 RFA 240116-02 – Interim Policy on Keeping Locals in Good Standing**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note regarding, “Self-Government – Cabinet & Legislative Services”, dated April 9, 2024*

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Incorporating all Regional administrative staff in MN-S staff directories
- Providing Locals with extra support for administrative and technological tasks
- Examining how Locals allocate and use funds, and documenting their assets to ensure they remain with the Local
- Ensuring that all MN-S citizens have equal access to services
- Organizing a governance conference with representatives from Locals and Regions; individuals who aren’t affiliated will be invited, to discuss their reasons for not being affiliated.

**Request for Action (RFA-240419-01)**

*The Deputy Chief, Policy and Self Determination, agreed to report back to the Provincial Métis Council on prior discussions or decisions related to suspending the dissolution or creation of Locals, until a new Locals Act is adopted.*

**Request for Action (RFA-240419-02)**

*It was requested that the Deputy Chief/Senior General Counsel clarify the privacy protections for citizens whose names are included in a Local's annual submission to the Cabinet and Legislative Services, the Provincial Secretary, and the Regional Director.*

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

**It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) 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, Women and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

**WHEREAS** the MN-S is engaging with citizens on a constitutional reform process to realize self-government and that process has underscored the importance of Locals role within the MN-S government;

**WHEREAS** the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* outlines certain filing requirements for Locals in Article 7, sections 6 and 9; and

**WHEREAS** the PMC, at their duly held meeting on January 16, 2024 (RFA 240116-02), requested a process be established for Locals to be in good standing at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), and set an implementation date of June 1, 2025;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC approve, and recommend for ratification by the MNLA, the process presented at their April 19, 2024 meeting, requiring Locals to file:

- The name of their President and Vice President;
- A copy of the minutes of the meeting where their most recent election took place;
- A list of attendees (sign-in sheet) who attended the most recent election meeting; and
- A list of the Local's members, separating members who are under sixteen years of age from those who are over sixteen years of age; and that

Locals must file these documents yearly with MN-S Cabinet and Legislative Services, the Regional Representative and the MN-S Provincial Secretary by September 30, 2024, with any consequences for non-compliance to be implemented June 1, 2025, to align with the implementation of the Métis Judiciary or any consequences approved by the MNLA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the PMC recommends that the MNLA approve a moratorium on the dissolution of Locals and the recognition of new Locals, until June 1, 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240419-03)**

**7.3 Resolution on Constitutional Reform Priorities**

*Related information (provided at the meeting): "Resolution on Constitutional Reform Priorities"*

The following resolution was duly resolved by the PMC on April 17, 2024, and is included in these minutes for information.

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

**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 has committed to work with citizens and communities on amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) to ensure it fully reflects the values and aspirations of Métis citizens and enables the full implementation and realization of self-government;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S undertook community consultations with citizens throughout the province in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024 to solicit their views on constitutional reform and has incorporated this information into a substantial package of proposed constitutional amendments and legislation;

**WHEREAS** Métis citizens have consistently reaffirmed the need to incorporate Métis values and culture into the language and spirit of the *Constitution*; and

**WHEREAS** constitutional changes require thoughtful consideration by Métis citizens and by the officials elected to represent them and that these processes benefit from extensive consideration and consultation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC supports proceeding with constitutional amendments related to the following areas in time for consideration at the Fall 2024 session of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):

- Addition of language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights to the preamble of the *Constitution*;
- Election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the provincial MN-S general election every four years;
- Provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary;
- Changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age; and
- General clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** other proposed constitutional amendments will be considered by the MNLA in 2025 or in subsequent sessions.

**CARRIED (240417-02)**  
*One vote in opposition*

#### 7.4 Resolution on Bill C-53 and MN-S Treaty Direction

*Related information (provided at the meeting): "Resolution on Bill C-53 and MN-S Treaty Direction"*

The following resolution was duly resolved by the PMC on April 17, 2024, and is included in these minutes for information.

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

**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 in proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has an inherent right to self-determination, including self-government, recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S took historic steps towards realizing self-government through signing the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (2019) and the Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement (2023) with Canada, recognizing

Métis self-government and committing to the conclusion of a Treaty and the introduction of federal recognition legislation;

**WHEREAS** the history of the Métis Nation is marked by sacrifice, struggle, and bloodshed as it fought to assert and protect its self-government. The Metis Nation shares a history that encompasses the exercise of the inherent right to self-determination, including the right of self-government, over many generations;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S was joined with the Métis Nation of Alberta and Métis Nation of Ontario in *Bill C-53, An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (Bill C-53)*, introduced in Parliament by the Government of Canada on June 21, 2023;

**WHEREAS** *Bill C-53* was subject to extensive scrutiny by the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, and has not yet received third reading in the House of Commons;

**WHEREAS** outstanding issues with Métis governments other than the MN-S have hindered the passage of *Bill C-53* and recent legal developments have further diminished the viability of *Bill C-53*, and by extension the federal recognition of MN-S self-government;

**WHEREAS** realizing the inherent right of self-government is a core purpose of the MN-S government and of primary importance to the existence and well-being of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, and the MN-S has acted with the urgency and diligence demanded by the importance of this objective and the rare and singular nature of the opportunity at hand;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC directs the MN-S to immediately withdraw from *Bill C-53*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the PMC directs that the MN-S shall take every measure necessary to:

- Conclude the negotiation of a government-to-government treaty with Canada; and
- Present the treaty to the PMC for approval and ratification at the November 2024 MNLA, to pave the way for the introduction of federal recognition legislation for the MN-S, in January 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240417-03)**

### Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing note recommending the PMC approve Terms of Reference for the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee, Finance Committee and Accountability and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee*

### 8.1 Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution regarding “Approval of Finance Committee Terms of Reference”, dated April 19, 2024*

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, referenced the information provided and offered additional comments on edits made to the Finance Committee Terms of Reference to clarify that the Committee provided recommendations to the PMC, and did not formulate resolutions.

During discussion, comments were offered on a continued review of an “Elected Officials Conduct and Behaviour Handbook”, by MN-S legal staff.

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

**WHEREAS** Article 3, Section 4, Subsection (a) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* states that the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) may establish committees, activities and functions of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) and Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee is a standing committee of the PMC; and

**WHEREAS** Terms of Reference outlines duties, responsibilities and reporting mechanisms for committees to provide an accountability framework for the committee;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC approves the Finance Committee Terms of Reference as presented to the PMC Meeting on April 19, 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240419-04)**

## **8.2 Approval of Accountability and Transparency Committee Terms of Reference**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- *“MN-S Accountability and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee, Terms of Reference”, labelled “Draft” and “Subject to Approval by the PMC”*
- *Draft resolution regarding “Approval of Accountability and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference”, dated April 19, 2024*

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reviewed the draft resolution presented, to approve the Terms of Reference for the Accountability and Transparency Committee. The intent of the committee to support all MN-S ministries with financial and other issues, was acknowledged.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Including the Vice President or Secretary, on the Accountability and Transparency Committee
- An objective of establishing the Accountability and Transparency Committee, including to instill confidence in citizens regarding investments and expenditures
- Roles of the Finance Committee and the Accountability and Transparency Committee:
  - o The Finance Committee oversees internal government operations and approval processes
  - o The Accountability and Transparency Committee focusses on ensuring transparency and accountability (e.g. for asset purchases, trust fund management, election expenses, etc.).

With the consent of the Mover and Seconder the draft resolution presented to approve the Terms of Reference for the Accountability and Transparency Committee, was withdrawn and may be considered at a future PMC Meeting.

## **8.3 Approval of Women’s Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “MN-S Women’s Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference” labelled “Draft” and “Subject to Approval by the PMC”*

A draft resolution was introduced to approve the Terms of Reference for the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee. During discussion, it was acknowledged that the Terms of Reference for the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee required further review.

With the consent of the Mover and Seconder, the draft resolution presented to approve the Terms of Reference for the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee, was withdrawn and may be considered at a future PMC Meeting.

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

## **9. 2024 SPRING MNLA RESOLUTIONS**

### **9.1 Approval of the Order of the Day**

*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 discussion, it was suggested to consider setting up "booths" outside the MNLA, to enable delegates to engage directly with representatives from various MN-S departments and ministries.

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

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on November 21, 2023 resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for May 24-26, 2024;

**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 24-26, 2024

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 April 19, 2024 resolution:

#### **I. TECHNICAL BRIEFING – MAY 24, 2024**

1. Treaty Approach Panel Discussion – Elected Officials Only
2. Existing:
  - a. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
  - b. *Elections Act*
  - c. *Métis Nation Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (Proposed Assemblies Act)
  - d. *Citizenship Act*
3. Proposed:
  - a. Judiciary Act

#### **II. MNLA DAY ONE – MAY 25, 2024**

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 – Recording
2. State of the Nation - President Glen McCallum
3. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA:
  - a. Voting Delegates
4. Health Break



5. Proposed Consent Agenda Items:
  - a. Adoption of the Minute Taker
  - b. Reading of the Record of Decisions – November 24-25, 2023 MNLA
  - c. Adoption of the November 24-25, 2023 MNLA Minutes
  - d. Business Arising from the November 24-25, 2023 Minutes
  - e. Accept All Reports – Executive, Regional, Ministerial, and Affiliates
6. Motions:
  - a. Adoption of the Agenda – Order of the Day
  - b. Appointment of Dumont's Scouts
  - c. Approval of New/Dissolved Locals
7. Lunch Break - Prayer
8. MN-S Financial Update
  - a. Presentation of the 2024-25 MN-S Draft Budget
  - b. Resolution to approve the 2024-25 MN-S Draft Budget
9. Nation-to-Nation Approach to Self-Government:
  - a. President Glen McCallum, Vice President Michelle LeClair, and Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
10. Legal and Claims Update – Panel Discussion
  - a. Vice President Michelle LeClair, Christopher Gall, Deputy Chief/Senior General Counsel, and Thomas Isaac, Cassels LLP
11. Constitutional Reform – Phased Approach Update
  - a. Associate Minister Lisa McCallum, and Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Policy, and Self Determination
12. Adjournment Day One
13. Closing Prayer
14. Dinner and Entertainment

### **III. MNLA DAY TWO – May 26, 2024**

1. Opening Prayer – Elder Debra Smith
2. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, CEO, and Clerk of the MNLA
3. CEO Report – Richard Quintal, CEO, and Clerk of the MNLA
4. *Kwayaskastsowin* or “Setting Things Right”: A Métis Judiciary Designed with Métis People
  - a. Marilyn Poitras, Systems and Design Consultant
5. Lunch
6. Motions and Resolutions:
  - a. Amend the *Constitution of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan*
  - b. Amend the *Elections Act*
  - c. Amend the *Métis Nation Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (Proposed Assemblies Act)
  - d. Amend the *Citizenship Act*
  - e. Create the Judiciary Act
7. Motions and Resolutions from the MNLA
8. Health Break
9. Child and Family Services Presentation Update – Minister Kathie Pruden Nansel, and Jason Mercredi, Director of Social Infrastructure
10. Adjournment Day Two
11. Closing Prayer

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the PMC at this meeting of April 19, 2024 hereby approves the preceding Order of the Day/Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on May 24-26, 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240419-05)**

## 9.2 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution regarding "Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts for the Spring 2024 MNLA", dated April 19, 2024*

**It was MOVED (Brent Digness) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)**

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

**WHEREAS** the PMC at their duly called meeting held on November 21, 2023 resolved that an MNLA would be called for May 24-26, 2024;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC has determined at this meeting of April 19, 2024, that the following individuals be appointed as Dumont's Scouts within the meaning of Article 2.7 of the Act, to maintain order and procedure during the May 24-26, 2024 MNLA: John Belanger, Haley Burnouf, Raine LaCroix, Felix Merasty and Josie Searson.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240419-06)**

## 10. LES FILLES DE MADELEINE (LFDM) - UPDATE REPORT

Darlene Langan, Interim President, LFDM, provided an update and offered comments on:

- LFDM's submission to MN-S of Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23; a proposed Budget for fiscal year 2024-25; and, a request for a carryover of capacity funding, not received in fiscal year 2023-24
- Updating governance and policy documents in preparation for an upcoming LFDM General Assembly and representation in the provincial MN-S election
- The feasibility of increasing the LFDM's presence on the MN-S website.

In response to the information provided, it was noted that:

- Upon receiving the Audited Financial Statements, LFDM's capacity funding for the previous quarter had been approved
- There was no existing policy for carrying-over capacity funds.

### **Request for Action (RFA-240419-03)**

*It was requested that Darlene Langan, Interim President, LFDM, provide a LFDM Update Report in writing, and that written LFDM reports be submitted in advance of future PMC meetings.*

## 11. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM UPDATE

*Related information (provided with the agenda or at the meeting):*

- Presentation titled, "Constitutional Reform: Update for PMC April 19, 2024"
- Resolution of the Regional Council of Western Region 2 regarding Constitutional Reform

Lisa McCallum, Associate Minister of Constitutional Reform, acknowledged feedback gathered during Constitutional Reform sessions, and suggested that more time was needed for review of the *Local Act* and *Regional Act*.

Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Policy and Self Determination, reviewed a presentation titled, “Constitutional Reform: Update for PMC April 19, 2024”, which acknowledged a phased approach to constitutional reform, as directed by the PMC Resolution #240417-02 (April 17, 2024). Key decisions for a phased approach, including planning for a General Assembly in 2024, were introduced.

A resolution of the Regional Council of Western Region 2 regarding constitutional reform, was acknowledged and read aloud.

**It was MOVED (Lisa McCallum) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at their duly held meeting on November 21, 2023, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held November 22-24, 2024;

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

**WHEREAS** the PMC passed a resolution at an emergency meeting on April 17, 2024, directing the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) undertake every measure necessary to conclude the negotiation of a government-to-government treaty with Canada and present the treaty to the PMC for approval at the Fall 2024 MNLA, and further ratification at a General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS** the new timeline to ratify a government-to-government treaty and constitutional amendments requires the date of the Fall 2024 MNLA to be moved forward to accommodate a General Assembly in November 2024;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Fall 2024 MNLA be held on November 1-3, 2024 at the Regina Exhibition Association Limited, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240419-07)**

***Request for Action (RFA-240419-04)***

*It was requested that the next PMC Agenda, include a discussion on how to present voting on constitutional amendments at the Fall 2024 General Assembly, specifically if citizens will be asked:*

- *To vote “Yes” or “No” on all proposed amendments collectively; or*
- *To vote “Yes” or “No” on each individual proposed amendment.*

**12. FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, provided a financial update and commented on:

- Scheduling a workshop on the 2024-25 MN-S Draft Budget, potentially on May 21, 2024
- Presenting the 2024-25 MN-S Draft Budget for ratification at the Spring MNLA
- The audit of the 2023-24 Financial Statements, and their presentation at the Fall 2024 MNLA
- The appointment of a short-term Transparency and Accountability Sub-Committee.

**13. REGIONAL CAPACITY FUNDING REVIEW**

*Related information: Report regarding, “Regional Capacity Funding Review”*

This item was not considered, due to time constraints.

***Request for Action (RFA-240419-05)***

*Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, was requested to circulate to the PMC, the report regarding, “Regional Capacity Funding Review”.*

#### **14. IN-CAMERA**

It was agreed to now conclude the meeting and convene an in-camera meeting to consider:

- 14.1 Establishment of a Gaming Ad Hoc Committee
- 14.2 Approval of Gaming Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference
- 14.3 Legal Update
- 14.4 Human Resources Update.

#### **CONCLUSION**

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

That the April 19, 2024, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now conclude.

**CARRIED (240419-08)**

Time: 3:22 p.m.

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#### **LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

1. Agenda for the April 19, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the February 22, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Briefing Note regarding, "MNLA Roll Call 2017-2023 by Region"
4. Briefing Note regarding, "Self-Government - Cabinet & Legislative Services", dated April 9, 2024
5. Briefing Note on the Terms of Reference for the Women's Ad Hoc Committee, Finance Committee and Accountability and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee
6. Draft resolution regarding "Approval of Finance Committee Terms of Reference", dated April 19, 2024
7. Draft "MN-S Accountability and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee, Terms of Reference"
8. Draft resolution regarding "Approval of Accountability and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference", dated April 19, 2024
9. Draft "MN-S Women's Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference"
10. Draft resolution titled, "Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly"
11. Draft resolution regarding "Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts for the Spring 2024 MNLA"
12. Presentation titled, "Constitutional Reform: Update for PMC April 19, 2024"
13. Resolution of the Regional Council of Western Region 2 regarding Constitutional Reform
14. Report regarding, "Regional Capacity Funding Review"
15. Draft resolutions on "Constitutional Reform" and "Bill C-53 and MN-S Treaty Direction"

#### **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:*

LFDM	Les Filles des Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council