



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

*held May 21, 2024*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held May 21, 2024, by videoconference.

**PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL:**

***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	Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine
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	

***Absent / Regrets***

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A
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**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	Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Self-Government
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer	Jason Mercredi, Director of Social Infrastructure
Christopher Gall, Deputy Chief / Senior General Counsel	Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:**

Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

John Lagimodiere, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Norman Fleury, Elder Louise Oelke and Secretary McCallum 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

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

That the Agenda for the May 21, 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 Items:
  - 6.1 Appointing the Recording Secretary
  - 6.2 Review/Approval of April 19, 2024 Provincial Métis Council Minutes
7. Request for Action:
  - 7.1 Approval of the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference
  - 7.2 RFA 240419-01 – MN-S Locals Recognition Procedures
  - 7.3 RFA-240419-02- Privacy Protection for Citizen Name on Locals Documentation
  - 7.4 RFA-240419-03 - Les Filles de Madeleine - Report
  - 7.5 RFA-240419-04 – Planning for the Fall 2024 General Assembly
  - 7.6 RFA-240419-05 - Regional Capacity Funding Review
  - 7.7 Emergency Resolution to Rename Executive Positions
8. Constitutional Reform Update:
  - 8.1 Phase One Priorities
  - 8.2 General Assembly Planning
9. Kwayaskastasowin: A Métis Judiciary Designed with Métis People - Marilyn Poitras, System and Design Consultant
10. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolutions:
  - 10.1 Order of the Day Resolution (Revised)
  - 10.2 Reactivation of Locals Resolution
  - 10.3 Coming Home Resolution
11. Resolutions:
  - 11.1 Transformation of Fresh Water Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC)
12. Financial Update
13. Fire Response 2024
14. Update on Bill C-53
15. Update on Bill C-92 Engagement Report
16. In-Camera Session:
  - 16.1 Treaty Preamble Resolution
  - 16.2 Public Disclosure
  - 16.3 Establishing a Gaming Ad Hoc Committee
  - 16.4 Gaming Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference
  - 16.5 Legal Update
  - 16.6 Human Resources Update
17. Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED (240521-01)**

**5. OPENING REMARKS**

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

- Métis identity, culture, values, language, self-determination and self-government
- Research partnerships with the University of Saskatchewan
- Partnerships with First Nations that strengthen the voice of Indigenous peoples
- The opportunity to finalize a Treaty process with the Government of Canada.

**6. PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the April 19, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting*

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

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 May 21, 2024, PMC Meeting;
- Adoption of the Minutes of the April 19, 2024, PMC Meeting, with the following revisions:
  - o Remove the reference to the “Tatanka Room”; and
  - o Indicate Laura Burnouf as Mover of the resolution to conclude the meeting (Resolution #240419-08).

**CARRIED (240521-02)**

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

**7.1 Approval of the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- *Draft Terms of Reference of the MN-S Women’s Ad Hoc Committee*
- *Draft resolution titled, “Approval of Women’s Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference”*

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

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

**WHEREAS** the PMC approved the formation of a Women’s Ad Hoc Committee at their duly held meeting on September 21, 2023;

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC approves the Women’s Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference as presented at the May 21, 2024 PMC meeting.

**CARRIED (240521-03)**

**7.2 RFA 240419-01 – MN-S Locals Recognition Procedures**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note regarding, “MN-S Locals Recognition Procedures”, dated May 13, 2024*

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The feasibility of creating an interim policy to address situations involving elected leaders who do not comply with the *Constitution*; a resolution to create an interim policy, could not

- be introduced to the PMC, unless it followed the established process
- Current practices ensuring accountability and transparency within the MN-S government, including the implementation of a citizenship audit, monthly and prior to an MNLA
  - The process for citizens wanting to reestablish a dissolved Local, which included submitting a new application, in accordance with the established criteria.

**7.3 RFA-240419-02- Privacy Protection for Citizen Name on Locals Documentation**

Consideration of this item was postponed to a future meeting.

**7.4 RFA-240419-03 - Les Filles de Madeleine - Report**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Report titled, “Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc., Saskatchewan Métis Women’s Representative Collective, April Report 2024”*

This item was provided for information, as requested in RFA-240419-03.

**10:30 a.m.**

Secretary Lisa McCallum departed the meeting.

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**7.5 RFA-240419-04 – Planning for the Fall 2024 General Assembly**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note regarding “Métis Nation Saskatchewan General Assembly Planning – Update Information for PMC”, dated May 13, 2024*

During discussion on the Briefing Note, comments were offered on administrative and voting processes to maximize voter access and participation at the General Assembly. The PMC was invited to provide any additional feedback, to the General Assembly Planning Team.

**7.6 RFA-240419-05 - Regional Capacity Funding Review**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Chart titled, “Regional Capacity Funding Scenarios”, dated May 2024*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, and Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed alternative regional capacity funding scenarios, which adjusted funding based on the proportion of a Local's citizens, relative to the total population.

**7.7 Emergency Resolution to Rename Executive Positions**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): “Draft resolution to Rename Executive Positions to President and Three Vice-Presidents within the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”, dated May 21, 2024*

With the consent of the Mover and Seconder, the draft resolution presented to table a motion at the Spring 2024 MNLA, to change the names of the Executive (from “President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer” to “President, Vice President, Second Vice President and Third Vice President”), was withdrawn and will be brought forward for consideration at the Fall 2024 MNLA.

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m., with a quorum present.

## 8. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM UPDATE

### 8.1 Phase One Priorities

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Presentation titled, “Amendments to Existing Legislation – Phase 1 Priorities, 2024”*

Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Self-Government, reviewed the presentation and provided an overview of Phase One and Phase Two constitutional reform priorities confirmed at the April 17, 2024 PMC meeting.

### 8.2 General Assembly Planning

This item was considered under Item 7.5.

## 9. KWAYASKASTASOWIN: A MÉTIS JUDICIARY DESIGNED WITH MÉTIS PEOPLE

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Document titled, “Kwayaskastasowin: A Métis Judiciary Designed with Métis People”*

Marilyn Poitras, System and Design Consultant, provided an overview of the document provided (via pre-recorded video).

## 10. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

### 10.1 Order of the Day (Revised)

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

#### **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** the Order of the Day/Agenda is hereby proposed for the MNLA to be held on May 24-26, 2024;

**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 resolution of April 19, 2024:

#### **TECHNICAL BRIEFING – May 24, 2024**

- Treaty Approach Panel Discussion – (For Elected Officials Only)
- Existing:
  - o *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
  - o *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act*
  - o *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act (proposed “Assemblies Act”)*
  - o *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act*
- Proposed:
  - o Judiciary Act

### **MNLA DAY ONE – May 25, 2024**

- Grand Entry:
  - o Fiddler – Dean Smith
  - o Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
  - o Métis Anthem – Loretta King, Western Region 1
  - o O Canada – Recording
- State of the Nation Address – Glen McCallum, President
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Adoption of the Proposed Consent Agenda:
  - o Adoption of the Minute Taker
  - o Reading of the Record of Decisions – November 24-25, 2023 MNLA Minutes
  - o Adoption of the November 24-25, 2023 MNLA Minutes
  - o Business Arising from the November 24-25, 2023 MNLA Minutes
  - o Acceptance of All Reports – Executive, Regional, Ministerial Affiliates
- MNLA Resolutions:
  - o Adoption of the Agenda - Order of the Day
  - o Adoption of Dumont’s Scouts
  - o Approval of Reactivated Locals
- Financial Update
  - o Presentation of the 2024-2025 MN-S Draft Budget
  - o Resolution to approve the 2024-2025 MN-S Draft Budget
- Child and Family Services: Presentation and Update
- Constitutional Reform: Phased Approach Update
- Adjournment and Closing Prayer

### **MNLA DAY TWO – May 26, 2024**

- Opening Prayer – Elder Debra Smith
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Kwayaskastowin or “Setting Things Right”: A Métis Judiciary Designed with Métis People
- Motions and Resolutions:
  - o Coming Home
- Conclusion and Closing Prayer

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the PMC at this meeting of May 21, 2024 hereby approves the preceding Order of the Day/Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on May 24-26, 2024.

**CARRIED (240521-04)**

#### **10.2 Reactivation of Locals Resolution**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft MNLA resolution titled, “Accepting the Reactivation of Eastern Regional 2A Local”*

The draft resolution received for consideration at the MNLA, was reviewed.

#### **10.3 Coming Home Resolution**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft MNLA resolution titled, “Coming Home – Out of Province Citizenship”*

The draft resolution received for consideration at the MNLA, was reviewed.

**11. RESOLUTIONS**

**11.1 Transformation of Fresh Water Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC)**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

- *Briefing Note regarding “Ministry of Land and Environment – PMC -Resolution Request”*
- *Draft resolution titled, “Resolution to Support the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation”*

Brent Laroque, Director of Environment, provided an overview of the FFMC, a Crown corporation of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and reviewed a request from the Ministry of Lands and Environment for an Indigenous-led transformation of the FFMC.

During discussion, comments were offered on potential benefits of the MN-S’ involvement in transitioning to an Indigenous-owned corporation. Challenges with processing and marketing fish, and recruiting career fishermen, were acknowledged.

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

**WHEREAS** the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC) is a federal crown corporation under Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) with a mandate that includes maintaining an orderly market, promoting international markets, increasing fish trade, and increasing returns to fishers; and

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the importance of local community commercial fishermen’s desire for the continuation of the FFMC in some capacity, under an alternative business model that addresses many of their primary concerns such as profit sharing, ownership over company assets, and greater control over strategic direction and governance;

**WHEREAS** the DFO has initiated a transformation of the FFMC, and is seeking parties interested in taking over the operation of the FFMC;

**WHEREAS** Saskatchewan Cooperative Fisheries Ltd., the Île-à-la-Crosse Fish Company, the Prince Albert Grand Council, and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Commercial Fishers Inc. (collectively “the parties”) have expressed an interest in working together to develop a proposal for assuming the operation of the FFMC; and

**WHEREAS** the parties are open to future additions and seek a broad mandate from as many Indigenous governments as possible, especially from the North-West Territories, which are currently underrepresented;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Provincial Métis Council expresses the support of the MN-S for working with the parties in pursuing an agreement and partnership with DFO and the Government of Canada on the transformation of the FFMC.

**CARRIED (240521-05)**

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

**12. Financial Update**

The meeting was reminded of the 2024-25 MN-S Draft Budget presentation and workshop scheduled March 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**13. Fire Response 2024**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note regarding, “2024 Fire Season Response”, dated May 10, 2024*

Jason Mercredi, Director of Social Infrastructure, and Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the costs incurred by the MN-S in response to fire evacuations in 2023, which were covered by a one-time funding agreement with the Red Cross. A service agreement for the 2024 fire season had not yet been secured, although a submission had been made to the Government of Saskatchewan. Discussions continued with public safety bodies at the national level.

**14. Update on Bill C-53**

An update was provided on the progress of Bill C-53 through federal government processes. It was noted that the MN-S was on its own path to self-government and was negotiating directly with the Government of Canada.

**15. Update on Bill C-92 Engagement Report**

*Related information (provided with the agenda): Presentation titled, “2024 Ministry of Child and Family Services Community Report”*

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Minister of Child and Family, Vice President Michelle LeClair, and Jason Mercredi, Director of Social Infrastructure, provided an update on the Bill C-92 Engagements and reviewed a presentation titled, “2024 Ministry of Child and Family Services Community Report”. It was noted that copies of the “*Community Report: Government Engagement Mechanisms: An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families*”, would be distributed at the upcoming MNLA.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The transfer of jurisdiction over Child and Family Services from the province to the MN-S
- Coordinating efforts across MN-S departments to promote mental wellbeing, culture, land-based programming, and language programs for the health and welfare of Métis peoples
- Building capacity and resources to create distinctions-based services that respect Métis ways.

**16. IN-CAMERA SESSION:**

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

- 16.1 Treaty Preamble Resolution
- 16.2 Public Disclosure
- 16.3 Establishing a Gaming Ad Hoc Committee
- 16.4 Gaming Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference
- 16.5 Legal Update
- 16.6 Human Resources Update.

**CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED (Autumn Laing-LaRose) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)**

That the May 21, 2024, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now conclude, for an in-camera discussion.

**CARRIED (240521-06)**

Time: 3:00 p.m.



## **LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

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## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

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