



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held September 19, 2024

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held September 19, 2024, at the Dakota Dunes Resort, 203 Dakota Dunes Way, Whitecap, Saskatchewan.

PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL:

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*
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:

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, Legislative Coordinator, Policy and Self Determination

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary

** denotes attendance by videoconference*

AGENDA VARIED

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Lagimodiere, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Louise Oelke provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information: Draft Agenda for the September 19, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting

During discussion, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda, as follows:

- Consider “Item 7.1 - Privacy Protection for Citizen Name on Locals Documentation” during “Item 12 - In Camera”; and, replace it with “Item 7.1 - Resolution Regarding MN-S’ Relationship with the Métis National Council”.

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

That the Agenda for the September 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 June 18, 2024, Provincial Métis Council Meeting Minutes
7. Emergency Resolution:
 - 7.1 Resolution Regarding MN-S’ Relationship with the Métis National Council
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 Voting Policy for Constitutional Amendments at the General Assembly
 - 8.2 Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly
 - 8.3 Fall 2024 MNLA Order of the Day
 - 8.4 Appointment of Dumont Scouts for the Fall 2024 Métis Legislative Assembly
9. Financial Update
10. Acknowledging In-Camera decisions from August 13, 2024
11. Closing Prayer
12. In-Camera Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240919-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

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

- Compiling feedback from the Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif consultations held over the summer of 2024; further engagements were scheduled to effectively accomplish MN-S’ goals towards self-government
- Strengthening the MN-S and working on behalf of MN-S citizens through treaty negotiations with the Government of Canada.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the June 18, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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 September 19, 2024, PMC Meeting; and
- Adoption of the Minutes of the June 18, 2024, PMC Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240919-02)

7. EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

7.1 Resolution Regarding MN-S’ Relationship with the Métis National Council

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation shares a history that includes the exercise of the right to self-determination and the inherent right to self-government over generations, including:

- a. the 1815 rallying of Métis forces from along the Saskatchewan River Corridor culminating in the first military display of the red infinity flag at Fort John;
- b. on June 1, 1816, the seizure of Brandon House by Métis forces under the blue infinity flag;
- c. on July 18, 1816, the Battle of Seven Oaks (also known to the Métis as the Victory of the Frog Plain or *la Victoire de la Grenouillère*);
- d. the Métis buffalo hunt brigades governed by the Métis Laws of the Hunt that spanned the historic North-West;
- e. the Red River Resistance leading to the establishment of a first Provisional Government and the negotiation of the *Manitoba Act, 1870* to address Métis interests within the postage stamp province of Manitoba;
- f. the petitioning by Métis collectives in response to the imposition of colonial laws and settlements on Métis land; and
- g. in 1885, the North-West Resistance, including the establishment of a second Provisional Government, the Battle of Duck Lake, the Battle of Fish Creek, and the Battle of Batoche, in what would become Saskatchewan, which Resistance led to the execution of Louis Riel by Canada and the implementation of the Métis scrip system to attempt to address Métis claims to land;

WHEREAS specifically, the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has a history that includes the exercise of its right to self-determination and inherent right to self-government over generations, including the following events:

- a. the first military display of the red infinity flag at Fort John (on the Qu’Appelle River in present day Saskatchewan) following the 1815 rallying of Métis forces along the Saskatchewan River Corridor;
- b. political action and assertions by Métis collectives throughout Saskatchewan in response to the imposition of colonial laws and settlement on Métis lands;
- c. in the early 1930s, the Métis Nation in southern Saskatchewan organized to address issues pertaining to the Métis scrip system and Métis claims to land, and they formed

the “Half-Breeds of Saskatchewan” to represent Métis interests in southern Saskatchewan;

- d. at the same time, the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan founded the Saskatchewan Métis Society to address issues pertaining to Métis poverty, lack of education, lack of employment, land displacement, and hunting issues in southern and central Saskatchewan, and by 1939, there were over 20 community-based representative structures, known as Locals, in rural and urban centres throughout Saskatchewan;
- e. in 1964, the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan formed the Métis Society of Saskatchewan (“MSS”) to represent the Métis in southern and central Saskatchewan, and the Métis Association of Saskatchewan (“MAS”) to represent the Métis in northern Saskatchewan and non-status Indians;
- f. in 1967, the MSS and the MAS merged, retaining the name of the MSS;
- g. in 1975, the MSS was restructured as the Association of Métis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (“AMNSIS”);
- h. in 1988, the AMNSIS held a referendum to limit its membership to citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan only, which referendum passed and the organization returned to the name of the MSS;
- i. in 1993, the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan passed the *Constitution of the MN-S* (the *Constitution*), which defines the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan as a people, set out the MN-S’s core values and laws, and details the mechanisms of the MN-S as the democratic government of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan; and
- j. since 1993, the MN-S has amended its *Constitution* and enacted legislation, such as the *MN-S Citizenship Act, 1999*, to supplement its *Constitution*, in furtherance of its role as the democratic government of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS as a continuation of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan’s exercise of its right to self-determination and inherent right to self-government, the collective has, without limitation:

- a. created, developed, and evolved the MN-S as a Métis Government;
- b. established democratic governance structures and institutions at the local, regional, and provincial levels through the MN-S to represent the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;
- c. established fair, transparent, and objectively verifiable systems to identify and register citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is recognized as the Métis Government exclusively mandated to represent the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS on May 25, 2024 the MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly passed the “Coming Home” Resolution to Support Out of Province Citizenship, to ensure Métis people residing both within and outside of Saskatchewan can stay connected to the Heartland wherever they reside;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation has been dispersed throughout the Homeland and beyond due to the historical and ongoing colonial agenda, including but not limited to dispersion due to the *Manitoba Act, 1870* Métis land scrip, road allowance, 60s scoop, residential school system and the millennial scoop;

WHEREAS effective immediately the MN-S is the National Government representing the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan and represents its citizens provincially, nationally, and internationally to advocate for the recognition of our rights and to advance the wellbeing and aspirations of our citizens, families, and communities;

WHEREAS the MN-S is on the path of self-government through the *Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif – the Sacred Document from the Michif*. This self-government agreement is a modern treaty being negotiated with Canada and will constitutionally protect the right of self-government of the Métis in Saskatchewan, recognizing our jurisdiction over core governance matters. Completion of our Treaty is our leading priority – it is the only path on which we can achieve meaningful self-government for MN–S;

WHEREAS our Nation has been fighting for Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif for 150 years. Today, we are closer than ever;

WHEREAS MN-S is a founding member of the Métis National Council (MNC), which was created in March 1983 to serve as the Métis-specific national representative body of the Métis Nation and to advocate on behalf of its members for the advancement of the Métis right to self-determination, and self-government;

WHEREAS the MNC has increasingly been used for advocacy purposes that are inconsistent with its original mandate and vision, diverting from the foundational role of representing Métis rights and self-determination;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has accepted and continues to represent significant numbers of people who are not Métis, and the MNC has failed to ensure the integrity of MNO’s citizenship registry and rectify this ongoing problem, despite our frequent calls to do so;

WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) has already withdrawn from the MNC due to concerns over the integrity of MNO’s citizenship registry; and

WHEREAS the MN–S’ continued association with MNO as a fellow Governing Member of the MNC no longer benefits the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan or the Métis Nation as a whole;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan provide notice immediately to the Métis National Council that it is withdrawing from the Métis National Council;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan communicate this decision to Métis National Council leadership, other provincial counterparts, and relevant stakeholders immediately; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that upon providing the Métis National Council with a notice to withdraw, the President of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan is authorized to conclude such matters as may be required to bring about the full and complete withdrawal from the MNC, including the collection of our share of finances and assets, currently managed by the Métis National Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240919-03)

Health Break

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

Roll Call

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

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Voting Policy for Constitutional Amendments at the General Assembly

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Voting Policy for Constitutional Amendments at the General Assembly”

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 *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) designates that a General Assembly of Métis citizens shall be held every year;

WHEREAS the conduct of the General Assembly would benefit by having clear and established rules to ensure that all votes are managed in a consistent and credible manner; and

WHEREAS Constitutional amendments will be tabled at the Fall 2024 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly which require ratification at a General Assembly per Article 15, Section 2 of the *Constitution*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council approves procedures to govern the voting at General Assemblies as found in Schedule A to this motion, the document titled *Métis Nation - Saskatchewan- Constitutional Amendments Voting Policy*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240919-04)

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Updates to the *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitutional Amendments Voting Policy* incorporated by the PMC during its September 17-18, 2024 workshop discussions; the policy will be accessible online
- Confirmation that an expired photo on an MN-S citizenship card did not mean that MN-S citizenship itself had expired; citizens could still vote if their photo was outdated, as long as their citizenship status was valid.

8.2 Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Ensuring that the *Rules of the General Assembly* are publicly available to citizens prior to the General Assembly
- Maintaining the consistency of rules throughout all voting locations
- Conducting an evaluation of how citizens will access the voting locations.

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 into proposals and decisions of the PMC;

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* designates that a General Assembly of Métis citizens shall be held every year; and

WHEREAS the conduct of the General Assembly would benefit by having clear and established rules for all procedures to ensure that meetings are managed in a consistent and credible manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council approves procedures to govern the conduct of General Assemblies as found in Schedule A to this motion, the document titled *Rules for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan General Assembly*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240919-05)

8.3 Adoption of the Fall 2024 MNLA Order of the Day

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Adoption of the Order of the Day/Agenda for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Fall 2024”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Releasing the proposed Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif Treaty, prior to the Fall 2024 MNLA
- Potentially extending the length of future MNLAs to ensure all business is completed
- Highlighting the importance of meeting efficiency and reiterating to Local Presidents the need to remain for the entire Day Two of the MNLA, to ensure all essential business is completed
- Reviewing the draft 2024 General Assembly Order of the Day, at the October 2024 PMC Meeting.

Request for Action (RFA-240919-01)

President Glen McCallum agreed that his office would send a letter to Local Presidents and Area Directors, conveying the importance of their attendance for the entirety of the Fall 2024 MNLA to ensure all essential business is addressed.

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, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the old ones” or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the 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 at their duly held meeting on April 19, 2024, the PMC resolved that the Fall 2024 MNLA be held on November 1-3, 2024, at the Regina Exhibition Association Limited, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, to accommodate the new timeline for ratification of the *Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif* treaty document at a General Assembly on November 23, 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 November 1-3, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves the Order of the Day as follows for the Fall 2024 MNLA on November 1-3, 2024 as proposed by the Clerk of the MNLA:

AGENDA – TECHNICAL BRIEFING - NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif Treaty Session (Elected Officials Only)

AGENDA – DAY ONE - NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Day One Opens - Breakfast

1. Grand Entry:
 - a. Lead Fiddler – Dean Smith
 - b. Opening Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond, Elder Norman Fleury
 - c. Métis Anthem – Loretta King, Western Region 1
 - d. O Canada – Recording
2. State of the Nation - President Glen McCallum
3. Swearing in of New Local Presidents – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
4. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
 - a. Voting Delegates
5. Adoption of the Agenda – Order of the Day
6. Proposed Consent Agenda Items:
 - a. Adoption of the Minute Taker
 - b. Reading of the Record of Decisions – May 24-25, 2024 MNLA
 - c. Adoption of the May 24-25, 2024 MNLA Minutes
 - d. Business Arising from the May 24-25, 2024 Minutes
 - e. Accept All Reports – Executive, Regional, Ministerial, CEO and Affiliates
 - f. Adoption of the Dumont Scouts
7. Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif Presentation – Michelle LeClair, Vice-President
8. Motions:
 - a. Motions for Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif:
 - MNLA Approval of the Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif Treaty and Authorization of a Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif Ratification Vote by Métis Citizens
 - Designation of signing authorities
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 - Designation of signing authorities
 - b. Motions for General Assembly:
 - Ratification of the Rules of the General Assembly
 - Ratification of the MN-S Constitutional Amendments Voting Policy
 - Ratification of the dates of General Assembly, November 22-24, 2024
 - Draft Order of the Day for the General Assembly, November 22-24, 2024
 - Appointments of Chief Electoral Officer and Complaints Officer
9. MN-S Financial Update and Audited Financial Statements
 - a. Approval of Audited Financial Statements for 2024-25
 - b. Appointment of Auditors for 2025-26

10. Adjournment Day One
11. Closing Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond
12. Dinner and Entertainment

AGENDA – DAY TWO - NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Day Two Opens - Breakfast

1. Opening Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond, Elder Debra Smith
2. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
 - a. Voting Delegates
3. Constitutional Reform Presentation – Lisa McCallum, Secretary, Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief Self Government, Marilyn Poitras, Systems and Design Consultant, Merrilee Rasmussen, Rasmussen and Co.
4. Motions for Proposed Constitutional Amendments:
 - Adopt amendments to the *Constitution* of the MN-S to add language to the preamble to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights
 - Adopt amendments to the *Constitution* of the MN-S for election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the MN-S provincial general election every four years
 - Adopt amendments to the *Constitution* of the MN-S to include provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary
 - Adopt amendments to the *Constitution* of the MN-S to change the General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age
 - Adopt amendments to the *Constitution* of the MN-S for general clean-up
5. Motions for Proposed Legislative Amendments:
 - Adopt amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*
 - Adopt amendments to the *MN-S Citizenship Act, 1999*
 - Adopt amendments to the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (proposed “Assemblies Act”)
6. Motion for Voting on Constitutional Amendments:
 - Authorize the Chief Electoral Officer to administer voting on the ratification of MNLA resolutions on constitutional amendments at the 2024 General Assembly
7. Tabling of Legislation:
 - Table the Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act
8. Adjournment Day Two
9. Closing Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240919-06)

8.4 Appointment of Dumont Scouts for the Fall 2024 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Adoption of Dumont Scouts for the Fall 2024 MNLA”

Request for Action (RFA-240919-02)

It was requested that the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) discuss, at their next PMC meeting in October 2024, appointment of Dumont’s Scouts for the 2024 Métis Nation General Assembly.

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

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

WHEREAS Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (the Act), as amended, directs the PMC to appoint Dumont 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 held meeting on November 21, 2023, resolved that a MNLA would be held November 22-24, 2024;

WHEREAS at their duly held meeting on April 19, 2024, the PMC resolved that the Fall 2024 MNLA be held November 1-3, 2024 at the Regina Exhibition Association Limited, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, to accommodate the new timeline for ratification of the Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif treaty document and constitutional amendments at a General Assembly on November 23, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC has determined 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 November 1, 2 and 3, 2024, MNLA: John Belanger, Haley Burnouf, Jack LaCroix and Josie Searson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (240919-07)

9. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, provided a financial update including comments on:

- Ongoing audit process for the 2023-24 fiscal year with a new auditor, and a PMC workshop of the audit in October 2024
- Preparations for Budget 2025-26 and review of contribution agreements and financial resources
- Ongoing review of fiscal management, including financial policies and internal controls, to support current needs and align with future growth.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Negotiating with the Government of Canada for increased capacity funding for MN-S Locals
- Providing the PMC with a budget and workplan breakdown for each MN-S department
- Ensuring sufficient resources for providing programming and services to children and youth with complex physical and mental health needs
- Identifying service and funding gaps, and closely monitoring finances to ensure the continued health and sustainability of the MN-S.

Request for Action (RFA-240919-03)

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, agreed to provide departmental budget comparisons to actuals, and workplans at a future Provincial Métis Council meeting.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE IN-CAMERA DECISIONS FROM AUGUST 13, 2024

This item was not considered.

11. IN-CAMERA

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

- 11.1 Authorization to Release Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif
- 11.2 Voting Policy for Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif Ratification
- 11.3 Our Moment Budget Overview
- 11.4 Executive Composition
- 11.5 Privacy Protection for Citizen’s Names on Locals Documentation
- 11.6 MN-S Economic Development Plan Update
- 11.7 Review In-Camera Minutes from the August 13, 2024 PMC Meeting
- 11.8 Standing In-Camera Agenda Items:
 - 11.8.1 Legal Update – Chris Gall, Deputy Chief/Senior General Counsel; and
 - 11.8.2 Human Resources Update – Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer.

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

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

CARRIED (240919-08)

Time: 11:40 a.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 September 19, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the June 18, 2024, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Draft Resolution, “Regarding MN-S’s Relationship with the Métis National Council”
4. Draft Resolution, “Voting Policy for Constitutional Amendments at the General Assembly”
5. Draft Resolution, “Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly”
6. Draft Resolution, “Adoption of the Order of the Day/Agenda for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Fall 2024”
7. Draft Resolution, “Adoption of Dumont Scouts for the Fall 2024 MNLA”

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



**Provincial
Métis Council**



SCHEDULE A

MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS VOTING POLICY

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PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

Purpose

1 The purpose of this Policy is to establish rules to govern voting on constitutional amendments at the General Assembly. The MNLA will direct the Chief Electoral Officer to oversee the voting process at the General Assembly.

INTERPRETATION

Definitions

2 In this Policy:

“**Constitution**” means the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;

“**General Assembly**” means the meeting of the General Assembly of MN-S Citizens as set out in the Constitution;

“**MNLA**” means the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly as described in Article 2 of the Constitution;

“**MN-S citizen**” means an individual:

- (a) who meets the criteria as set out in the Constitution; and
- (b) whose name is included on the Registry List;

“**Provincial Métis Council**” means the Provincial Métis Council as described in Article 3 of the Constitution;

“**Registry List**” means the list of persons registered as a Métis under the *Citizenship Act*;

“**Voter**” means an MN-S citizen who is at least 16 years of age.

“**Voting location**” means the location specified to host the General Assembly by the Provincial Métis Council and includes other satellite voting locations of the General Assembly.

GENERAL

Application

3 This Policy applies to the ratification vote of resolutions to amend the Constitution.

Amending formula

4 The ratification formula for constitutional amendments is defined in the Constitution, Article 15: Amending Formula.

VOTERS

One vote

5 (1) A voter may only vote once on each motion to ratify an amendment to the Constitution.

(2) Multiple amendments to the Constitution may be considered at a General Assembly.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Registration

6 Voters must register at a voting location of the General Assembly.

Identification

7 Voters must show sufficient identification to prove that they are the person named on the registry list and sign a declaration stating that they are eligible to vote.

Wristband and Voting Card

8 Registered voters will receive a wristband and voting card.

VOTER REGISTRY AND LIST

Voter registry

9 The MN-S Registrar shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer with

(a) a list of voters by November 1, 2024; and

(b) an updated list with any additional voters added to the registry list between November 1, 2024 and November 22, 2024, by November 23, 2024.

Voters list

10 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as soon as possible after the General Assembly, compile a list of voters who registered to vote at each voting location.

PROTECTION OF VOTER INFORMATION

Secure handling of voter information



11 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that personal information of voters is handled according to MN-S policies on privacy and data protection and are kept securely.

Protection of voter information

12 The Chief Electoral Officer may issue directions that the address of voters or other information about voters on a voters list be removed or obscured to protect their privacy or security.

RATIFICATION OF MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Opening voting

13 Voting on the ratification of each motion to amend the Constitution will be opened by the Speaker.

Length of ratification period

14 Voting for each motion will be opened by the Speaker and remain open for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the Speaker will consult with the various voting locations and then declare the voting period closed.

Extension of ratification

15 The time for voting on a motion may be extended by the Speaker where the circumstances require.

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Method of voting

16 (1) Voting to ratify a motion to amend the Constitution is by show of hands in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) Registered voters will raise their hand with the highly visible wrist band and display their voting card to indicate their vote on the motion.

RECORDING THE VOTE

Recording the vote

17 (1) The Chief Electoral Officer and designated voting officers will count and compile the votes cast by show of hands on each motion at each voting location.

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(2) The Chief Electoral Officer's designated voting officers will record the vote at other voting locations and transmit the results to the Chief Electoral Officer.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide aggregated results from all voting locations to the Speaker.

Reporting of results

18 (1) A record of votes cast on each motion will be included in the Minutes of the General Assembly.

(2) The record of votes on each motion will include both the amalgamated results and the results from each voting location.

Declaration of result

19 The Speaker shall announce the results of the vote to the General Assembly.

Chief Electoral Officer Report

20 The Chief Electoral Officer shall prepare a General Assembly report certifying the number of votes cast in favour of each motion and table this report with the Clerk and the MNLA.

MANAGEMENT OF VOTING MATERIAL

Preservation of voting material

21 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that all voting materials are securely stored for a period of 12 months after the announcement of the vote in accordance with accepted archival standards.

Destruction

22 Voting material that is not required for future use, an archival purpose or an application or proceeding under these rules may be destroyed 12 months after the date of publication of the notice of the voting result. Other materials that are not required for these purposes may be destroyed.

Preservation of documents

23 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that:

- (a) a register is kept of all approved forms and any instructions, guidelines or directions the Chief Electoral Officer issues respecting any matter; and



- (b) the declaration of vote, all voting reports, certificates and declarations.

Public records

24 The following are public documents and may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the MNLA by any person on request during business hours:

- (a) all reports or statements respecting the vote;
- (b) all instructions, guidelines and directions issued by the Chief Electoral Officer under this policy;
- (c) all decisions or rulings by the Chief Electoral Officer on points arising under this policy; and
- (d) all correspondence in relation to the vote.

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer

25 The Chief Electoral Officer is appointed to hold office by resolution of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and is an independent officer of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

Duties of the Chief Electoral Officer

26 In order to fulfil the purposes of this Policy, the Chief Electoral Officer shall:

- (a) formulate plans and policies regarding voting for ratification;
- (b) generally direct and supervise the administrative conduct of voting and enforce fairness and impartiality;
- (c) prepare any forms that may be required under this policy;
- (d) provide direction to and manage the staff and designated voting officers of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer;
- (e) issue instructions or directions to staff and voting officers; and
- (f) perform any other functions related to the purpose of this policy or otherwise provided in this policy.

Administrative Powers

27 In order to carry out the duties set out in this policy, the Chief Electoral Officer may:

- (a) prepare bulletins on the interpretation of this policy;
- (b) issue any form required by this policy and establish any forms that may be necessary to properly administer this policy;
- (c) modify any forms relating to this policy;
- (d) intervene, with leave, in any proceedings before a court in which a provision of this policy is in dispute;



- (e) implement, either alone, or in co-operation with other bodies, public education and information programs intended to make the voting process better known to citizens;
- (f) make agreements as necessary to perform the duties of the Chief Electoral Officer under this policy; and
- (g) exercise all other powers assigned to the Chief Electoral Officer by this policy.

Delegation

28 The Chief Electoral Officer may delegate to designated voting officers, in writing, generally or specifically, any of the Chief Electoral Officer's powers or duties.

Powers to interpret this Policy

29 The Chief Electoral Officer may adapt any provision of this policy to achieve the purposes of this policy where it appears to the Chief Electoral Officer during the ratification period that, because of any mistake, emergency, disaster or unusual or unforeseen circumstance, the policy did not meet the urgent needs of the situation.

Directions

30 The Chief Electoral Officer may issue directions:

- (a) prescribing forms;
- (b) respecting fees, allowances, expenses and remuneration payable under this policy, and
- (c) on any matter that is subject to the direction or approval of the Chief Electoral Officer under this policy.

Staff

31 The Chief Electoral Officer may appoint any staff that are necessary for the proper conduct of voting in the General Assembly.

Contracting services

32 The Chief Electoral Officer may hire and determine the remuneration of additional staff on a temporary basis to assist the Chief Electoral Officer under this policy and, for specific work, may contract for the services of counsel and experts.

FINALITY OF DECISIONS

Decisions final



33 Every order or decision of the Chief Electoral Officer related to this policy is final and cannot be appealed to the Provincial Métis Council or the MNLA

COMPLAINTS AND ADJUDICATION

Complaints Officer

34 (1) The MNLA shall appoint a Complaints Officer as an independent officer of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to enforce compliance with this policy.

(2) The Complaints Officer holds office for the term specified in that appointment.

Adjudicator

35 (1) The MNLA shall appoint an Adjudicator as an independent officer of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to hear any complaint referred by the Complaints Officer.

(2) The Adjudicator holds office for the term specified in that appointment.

Making a complaint

36 Any MN-S citizen who believes that a breach under this policy has been, is being or may be committed may make a complaint in writing to the Complaints Officer.

Limitation period

37 No complaint may be made more than 30 days after the declaration of the result of the vote.

Complaints process

38 (1) The Complaints Officer shall review a complaint made under this policy, and shall investigate the complaint, or any possible offence that otherwise comes to the attention of the Complaints Officer, to the extent that the Complaints Officer considers warranted in the circumstances.

(2) For the purposes of an investigation, the Complaints Officer may engage the services of legal counsel, investigators, experts or other persons.

(3) If after investigation the Complaints Officer considers that the complaint is justified, the Complaints Officer shall refer the complaint to the Adjudicator for a hearing and, pending the hearing, may make an order requiring an MN-S citizen:



(a) to cease an activity, where it appears to the Complaints Officer that the activity is in contravention of this policy; or

(b) to take action, where it appears to the Complaints Officer that such action is required by this policy.

Adjudication process

39 (1) The Adjudicator shall hear all complaints referred by the Complaints Officer and in doing so shall act fairly, independently and impartially.

(2) The Adjudicator may:

- (a) make rules respecting procedure and the conduct of the hearing of complaints;
- (b) conduct hearings into any complaint under this policy referred to the Adjudicator;
- (c) determine whether a person has contravened this policy;
- (d) determine any other matter related to a complaint; and
- (e) confirm, vary or reverse any order made by the Complaints Officer under subsection 38(3).

(3) A decision of the Adjudicator is final and cannot be appealed to the Provincial Métis Council or the MNLA.



SCHEDULE A

**RULES of the MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitution provides for a General Assembly to be convened annually and when necessary to ratify amendments to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS section 14 of the *Assemblies Act* provides for the establishment of rules to govern the meetings of the General Assembly, subject to the principles set out in that section; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to establish rules, built on Métis customs and traditions of respect, order and decorum, to govern meetings of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan General Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and the *Assemblies Act*; and

Therefore, the Provincial Métis Council, as authorized by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly in accordance with the *Assemblies Act*, hereby establishes the following rules to govern the meetings of the General Assembly:

GENERAL

Procedure in unprovided cases

1 *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*, current edition, shall govern the General Assembly in all procedural matters not otherwise covered by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitution, the *Assemblies Act*, or these Rules.

Attendance

2(1) Members may attend a meeting of the General Assembly in person at a venue designated as the main location or a satellite location.

(2) The Speaker may call for a count of the members present at a meeting of the General Assembly who are eligible to vote at any time.

Publication of proceedings and documents

3(1) The official record of the meeting of the General Assembly consists of the Minutes as prepared by the Clerk and approved by the Speaker.

(2) The official documents of the General Assembly shall be printed and published only under the authority of the Clerk.

SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

Participation in debate

4 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall not take part in any debate before the General Assembly.

Speaker's ruling

5 A member who disagrees with a ruling by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker may appeal the ruling to the General Assembly as follows:

1. once recognized by the Speaker, the member shall move a motion stating, "shall the ruling of the Speaker (or Deputy Speaker) be upheld";
2. the motion requires a seconder;
3. there is no debate on the motion;
4. the Speaker shall put the motion to a vote.

MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ordinary time

6 The ordinary time for the meeting and adjournment of the General Assembly is from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with a recess approximately midway through each of the morning and afternoon.

Procedure at time of adjournment

7 At the time of adjournment of the General Assembly, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and adjourn the General Assembly without question put, provided that all business pending at that



time is tabled until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Recess or adjournment

8(1) A motion that the General Assembly recess or be adjourned may be moved without notice by any member when a question is not under debate, in accordance with the following process:

1. once recognized by the Speaker, the member shall move a motion to recess or adjourn for a specified period of time;
2. the motion requires a seconder;
3. there is no debate on the motion;
4. the Speaker shall put the motion to a vote.

(2) If a motion to recess or adjourn is defeated, no second motion to the same effect may be made until after some intermediate proceeding has taken place.

(3) The Speaker shall make an announcement five minutes before the expiry of a recess or adjournment to summon members back to the General Assembly.

BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Prayers

9 Lii Vyeu Moond will open and close each meeting of the General Assembly with a prayer.

Precedence of business

10 All agenda items shall be taken up in the order in which they are included on the agenda.

Withdrawal of items of business

11(1) A member may withdraw an item of business on the agenda that is in the member's own name when it is called, provided the item of business has not already been moved and seconded.

(2) Items of business that have been moved and seconded may be withdrawn only by unanimous consent of the General Assembly upon the request of the member who moved the motion.

Items of business postponed

12 Whenever an item of business before the General Assembly is interrupted pursuant to a Rule or Order, unless otherwise provided, the proceeding postponed is to be taken up at the same stage



where its progress was interrupted.

ORDER AND DECORUM

Speaker to preserve order and decorum

13 The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum in the General Assembly and, when deciding questions of order, shall state the Rule or authority applicable to the decision.

Recognition by Speaker

14 No member may speak until they obtain the recognition of the Speaker, and all members shall address their remarks to the Speaker and to the merits of the motion under discussion.

Participation by non-members

15 Staff or consultants may be requested to be available to the General Assembly to respond to questions or provide factual information.

Rules for decorum

16 Members shall maintain the decorum of the General Assembly by observing the following rules:

- (a) smoking is not permitted;
- (b) mobile and cellular telephones, laptops, tablets and handheld computers, including personal digital assistants, may be used while the General Assembly is sitting, provided they are operated silently and not used as a telephone, recording device, camera, or pager;
- (c) members shall refrain from loud private conversations;
- (d) members shall comply with directions from the chair designated by the Speaker to assist with the maintenance of order and decorum at each satellite location where the General Assembly is held.

Inappropriate language and actions

17 When a motion is under discussion, no member shall:

- (a) interrupt the member speaking except to raise a point of order;
- (b) reflect on the absence of another member;
- (c) reflect on the conduct of the Speaker or other presiding officer;
- (d) use offensive, provocative or threatening language;



- (e) involve the Speaker, any presiding officer, or officer of the General Assembly in the debate;
- (f) censure, attack, make personal references, or impute the motives of any officer or employee of the General Assembly;
- (g) persist in irrelevance or tedious repetition, either of his or her own arguments or of the arguments used by other Members;
- (h) excessively read extracts from documents, books, publications, and correspondence;
- (i) quote anything that if stated directly would be contrary to the Rules and practices of the Assembly; or
- (j) involve persons other than members in the debate.

Disorder

18(1) The Speaker may, after providing two warnings, suspend any member who persistently disregards the Speaker's authority to preserve order and decorum and, if the member refuses to leave the General Assembly, shall direct Dumont's Scouts, security contracted by Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for the General Assembly or the designated chair in a satellite location, to escort the member from the General Assembly.

(2) In the case of grave disorder, the Speaker may recess the General Assembly, without question put, to a time to be determined by the Speaker.

Observers

19 While the General Assembly is meeting, any person other than a member admitted to any part of the General Assembly or gallery who causes disorder or does not withdraw when so ordered by the Speaker shall be taken into custody by Dumont's Scouts, security contracted by Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for the General Assembly, or the designated chair in a satellite location, and expelled.

RULES OF DEBATE

Member may only speak twice

20 A member may only speak twice to a motion, unless responding to a question from another member.

Time limits



21 A member may only speak for two minutes at any time.

Documents cited

22 A member who quotes any document in debate is required to provide the document to the Clerk to be distributed to all members, if requested by any member.

Points of order

23(1) A member addressing the General Assembly, if called to order either by the Speaker or on a point raised by another member, shall cease speaking while the point of order is being stated, after which the member may explain.

(2) Before the Speaker makes a decision with respect to the point of order the Speaker may permit other members to speak to it, but such interventions must be strictly relevant to the point of order taken.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Requirements for motions

24(1) The following rules apply to motions:

- (a) every motion must be drafted in the form of a proposition such that, if adopted, it becomes either a resolution or Order of the General Assembly;
- (b) a motion may not be moved if it raises substantially the same question as one that has already been decided in the same sitting;
- (c) motions must be consistent with the Constitution unless the motion is to ratify a proposed constitutional amendment;
- (d) motions must not conflict with previously passed resolutions unless the motion clearly states that there is a conflict and seeks to establish a new or modified mandate or direction;
- (e) if a motion has significant cost implications, it should address relevant cost considerations for its implementation;
- (d) a motion may not be operational in nature.

(2) The Clerk will establish a resolutions committee to ensure that all motions submitted by members for inclusion in the agenda are consistent with the guidelines established in subsection (1).



Motions not included in the agenda

25 A motion that is not included in the agenda may not be introduced to the General Assembly unless a motion to consider that it be dealt with is moved and seconded and is supported by two-thirds of those voting.

Moving a motion

26(1) A member who wishes to move a motion shall state the motion so that it can be reduced to writing and displayed on the screen in the General Assembly.

(2) When a motion is seconded, the Speaker shall read the motion to the General Assembly and open the motion to debate.

Amendments to motions

27(1) An amendment may be moved to any debatable motion to omit or insert words in the motion except as otherwise prohibited by these Rules.

(2) An amendment to omit all words is not in order.

(3) An amendment to an amendment is not in order.

(4) A motion to amend a main motion must be in writing, requires a seconder, is debatable and requires the support of a simple majority to pass.

(5) If a motion to amend is accepted by the Assembly, the debate then resumes on the main motion as amended and the main motion must ultimately be voted on.

Speaker's list

28 The Speaker shall maintain a list of the names of members who have indicated they wish to speak to a motion and the list of names shall be displayed on the screen in the General Assembly in the order in which they will be recognized.

Calling the question

29(1) A request to call the question is in effect a motion to close debate and can only be made as follows:

1. the member must be recognized by the Speaker and move a motion to close debate;
2. the motion requires a seconder;
3. there is no debate on the motion;



4. the Speaker shall put the motion to a vote.

(2) A motion to close debate requires the support of two-thirds of those voting to pass.

(3) If a motion to close debate is accepted by the Assembly, the Speaker shall then put the motion in relation to which debate is now closed to a vote.

(4) If a motion to close debate is defeated, the debate continues.

Motions out of order

30 When the Speaker is of the opinion that a motion offered is contrary to these Rules and therefore out of order, the Speaker shall inform the General Assembly immediately, before putting the question, and quote the authority applicable to the case.

Debatable motions

31(1) Except as otherwise specified in these Rules, the following motions are debatable:

(a) motions contained in the agenda;

(b) for the concurrence in a report submitted to the General Assembly;

(c) for the appointment of a committee;

(d) for reference of a report or other documents to a committee or other body ;

(e) for the suspension of any of these Rules;

(f) any other motion that may be required for the observance of the proprieties of the General Assembly, the maintenance of its authority, the appointment or conduct of its officers, the management of its business, the arrangement of its proceedings, the correctness of its records, the fixing of its sitting days, or the times of its meeting.

Non-debatable motions

32 All motions other than those described in section 31 shall be decided without debate or amendment.

Voting on motions

33(1) The Chief Electoral Officer may be engaged to oversee the voting process.

(2) Voting policy and rules will be established and available to all members of the General Assembly before voting takes place.



(3) Where voting at a General Assembly is to be conducted in person, the Speaker will ask all those to indicate whether they vote “yes”, “no” or abstain. The tally of votes will be used to determine the total required to carry the motion.

(4) Where voting at a General Assembly is to be conducted on-line, the system must ensure the authentication of voters and secrecy of the vote, and must include security protocols and data and privacy protection measures.

SUSPENSION OR AMENDMENT OF RULES

Motion to suspend or amend

34 These Rules can be suspended or amended at any time by a motion of the General Assembly identifying the rule to be suspended or amended as follows:

1. once recognized by the Speaker, the member shall move a motion to suspend or amend a rule or rules as identified;
2. the motion requires a seconder;
3. the motion is debatable;
4. once debate has concluded or the question has been called in accordance with section 33, the Speaker shall put the motion to a vote.

