



**Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S)
2023 Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meetings**

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Prepared on April 14, 2025



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

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

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
Lisa McCallum, Secretary (Chair)
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
(arrived at 11:50 a.m.)
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

REGRETS:

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

ELDER:

Elder Norman Fleury

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Gatin, Commissioner

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst
Christopher Gall, Senior General Counsel
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

AGENDA VARIED

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

CARRIED (230117-01)

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

CARRIED (230117-02)

Request for Action (RFA-230117-01)

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

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Request for Action (RFA-230117-02)

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230117-03)

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

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

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Provincial Métis Council Meetings / Technical Briefings Schedule for 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230117-04)

7.2 Setting the Dates for the Spring and Fall 2023 MNLAs

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230117-05)

7.3 Appointing the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230117-06)

7.4 Commissioner for the Review of Locals - Extension

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-230117-03)

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230117-07)

Health Break

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

8. TAMMY MAH MEMORIAL - UPDATE

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

CARRIED (230117-08)

(Time: 11:10 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

CARRIED (230117-09)

(Time: 12:00 p.m.)

9. URBAN PROGRAMMING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UPIP) FUNDING

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, offered comments on:

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The Finance Committee's discussions on the impacts of late or non-compliant reporting
- Considering the feasibility of halting all funding to Regions that have not complied with their reporting requirements.

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

10. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

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

11. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

It was MOVED (Autumn Laing-LaRose)

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

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

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
RFA	Request for Action
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held March 15, 2023

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held March 15, 2023, at the 4th Floor Boardroom, 310 – 20th Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

ELDER:

Elder Norman Fleury

ALSO PRESENT:

Merelda Fiddler-Potter*	Claire Letendre, Technical Support*
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MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst
Christopher Gall, Deputy Chief of Legal and General Counsel*
Zareen Jawaid, Deputy Director of Finance, Affiliates and Subsidiaries
Christena Konrad, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services
Justine Morrisette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government
Kelly Pruden, Deputy Chief of Housing and Infrastructure
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)*
Cassi Smith, Advisor to the CSO*
Matt Vermette, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Marc Wang, Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Legal and General Counsel*

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President LeClair, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

4. OPENING REMARKS

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

CARRIED (230315-01)

6. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

CARRIED (230315-02)

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230315-03)

8. BUDGET 2023/2024

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

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

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

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-230315-01)

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230315-04)

9. FINANCIAL APPROVAL AUTHORITIES

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230315-05)

11:10 a.m.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230315-06)

11. APPOINTMENT OF PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL CHAIR

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

Request for Action (RFA-230315-02)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230315-07)

11:31 a.m.

Vice President LeClair resumed the Chair.

12. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

That the March 15, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion, to consider “Item 12 – Human Resources Update”.

CARRIED (230315-08)

(Time: 11:31 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

CARRIED (230315-09)

(Time: 11:45 p.m.)

13. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business items were considered.

14. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

It was MOVED (Autumn Laing-LaRose)

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

CARRIED (230315-10)

(Time: 11:50 a.m.)

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ATTACHMENT

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

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

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

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CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CSO	Chief Strategy Officer
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council



SCHEDULE A - MN-S NEW FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES

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



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

held April 25, 2023

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

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
Michelle LeClair, Vice President
Lisa McCallum, Secretary
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ABSENT:

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

ELDER:

Elder Norman Fleury

ALSO PRESENT:

John Lagimodiere, Chair
Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of
Locals

Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)
Karen LaRocque, LFDM
Claire Letendre, Technical Support

MN-S OFFICE:

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

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary

AGENDA VARIED

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

CARRIED (230425-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

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

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-02)

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-03)

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

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

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

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

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

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

10:00 a.m.

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

9. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR C-92 CONSULTATIONS

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

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

10:10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230425-04)

Health Break

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

10. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

10.1 Appointment of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-05)

10.2 Appointment of the Minute Taker

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-06)

10.3 Order of the Day – Adoption of the Agenda

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

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-230425-01)

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

Request for Action (RFA-230425-02)

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

Request for Action (RFA-230425-03)

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

Request for Action (RFA-230425-04)

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. DIALOGUE FORUMS – MAY 26, 2023

II. MNLA DAY ONE – MAY 27, 2023

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

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

III. MNLA DAY TWO – May 28, 2023

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-07)

10.4 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall be the Dumont's Scouts for the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA: John Belanger, Adam Daigneault, Wade Daigneault, and Felix Merasty.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-08)

Health Break

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

11. MINISTERIAL / DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING NOTE

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

This item was provided for information.

1:25 p.m.

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

Request for Action (RFA-230425-05)

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

12. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS

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

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

1:55 p.m.

Karen LaRocque, CEO, LFDM, joined the meeting.

Request for Action (RFA-230425-06)

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

Health Break

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

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.2 Status of Métis Women

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

Request for Action (RFA-230425-07)

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

IN-CAMERA

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-09)

CONCLUSION

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

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

AGM	Annual General Meeting
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CSO	Chief Strategy Officer
GEMS	Government Engagement Mechanisms
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held May 16, 2023

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

PRESENT:

Provincial Métis Council

Glen McCallum, President

Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3

Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1

Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1

Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

Loretta King, Western Region 1

Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council

Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

Absent

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ELDER:

Elder Norman Fleury

ALSO PRESENT:

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

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

MN-S OFFICE:

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst

Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services

Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President

Justine Morrisette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary (from recording)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

CARRIED (230516-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (230516-02)

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

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

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

- RFA230425-01: The Regional Director of Western Region 2 (WR2) reported that documentation related to Locals in WR2 had been submitted to the MN-S Legal Counsel
- RFA230425-03: An update on new, inactive and dissolved Locals will be provided at a future PMC meeting
- RFA230425-05: It was anticipated that Ministerial Briefings and Departmental Reports would be uploaded to the MN-S website by June 30, 2023
- RFA230425-07: A list titled, “Les Filles de Madeleine Regional Métis Women Representatives” was provided with the agenda for the May 16, 2023 PMC Meeting for information.

During discussion, it was noted that:

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

Health Break

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

8. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

CARRIED (230516-03)

(Time: 10:55 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

AGENDA VARIED

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

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

CARRIED (230516-04)

9. FINANCIAL UPDATES

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reported that:

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

10. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS

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

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

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

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

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

AGENDA VARIED

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

8. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

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

11. HOUSING MODULAR BUILDS AND LAND PURCHASE

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

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

CARRIED (230516-05)

(Time: 2:40 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

CARRIED (230516-06)

(Time: 3:50 p.m.)

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

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

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

CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

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

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

CARRIED (230516-07)

(Time: 4:00 p.m.)

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

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



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

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

PRESENT:

Provincial Métis Council

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

Absent

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah Fortosky, Northern Research Group	Claire Letendre, Technical Support
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MN-S OFFICE:

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
Chris Gall, Senior General Council/Deputy Chief
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government
Kelly Pruden, Deputy Chief of Housing and Infrastructure
Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services
Andi Arnold, Advisor to the Chief Operating Officer
Amanda Marcotte, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Administrative Transformation
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President
Justine Morrisette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government
Kristi Ross, Manager, Culture and Heritage, Language and Veterans
Kim Van Burgsteden, Director of Finance

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jana Anderson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. OPENING PRAYER

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

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

President McCallum reviewed recent and upcoming events including:

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of Recording Secretary

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-02)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-03)

8.2 Approval of Signing Authority for New Director of Finance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-04)

8.3 Ministerial Reassignments

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS: Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* further mandates that the assignment of Ministerial portfolios is restricted to members of the MNLA;

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-05)

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

Related information (provided with the agenda):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

∞ **Vision:**

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

∞ **Guiding Principles and Values**

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

∞ **Key Priorities**

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-06)

8.5 Gabriel Dumont Institute – Board Appointments

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-07)

Health Break

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

9. UPIP FUNDING MODEL

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

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

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

In response to questions, it was noted that:

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

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

10. FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

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

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

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

11. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS

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

This item was provided for information.

12. LEGAL UPDATE

No legal updates were provided.

13. IN-CAMERA

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-08)

(Time: 2:17 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-09)

(Time: 3:16 p.m.)

CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-10)

(Time: 3:19 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held October 4, 2023

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held October 4, 2023 by videoconference.

PRESENT:

Provincial Métis Council

Glen McCallum, President

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3

Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1

Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Loretta King, Western Region 1

Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

Absent

Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

ALSO PRESENT:

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair

Elder Norman Fleury

Emilie Lahaie, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

Susan Shacter, Policy Analysis Consultant

MN-S OFFICE:

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer

Chris Gall, Senior General Council/Deputy Chief

Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government

Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services

Kendra Gill, Policy Analyst

Lillian Lizée, Legal Services Coordinator

Amanda Marcotte, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Administrative Transformation

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: (from recording)

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

It was noted that PMC members had agreed in advance, to waive the seven-day notice required for the meeting. A roll call was conducted, to confirm the presence of quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Agenda for the October 4, 2023, 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
6. Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) Treaty
7. Expert Panel
8. Legislation
9. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231004-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

President McCallum commended the Vice President and MN-S staff for their involvement in discussions with Government of Canada representatives, regarding the MMF Treaty.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

That the October 4, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231004-02)

(Time: 4:25 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the October 4, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231004-03)

(Time: 7:00 p.m.)

CONCLUSION

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

That the October 4, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231004-04)

(Time: 7:05 p.m.)



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

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

PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL:

Present

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Autumn 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:

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair	Claire Letendre, Technical Support
Elder Norman Fleury	

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

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
Chris Gall, Senior General Council/Deputy Chief
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government
Kelly Pruden, Deputy Chief of Housing and Infrastructure
Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President
Kristi Ross, Manager, Culture and Heritage, Language and Veterans

PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary *(from recording)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - 6.1 Appointing the Recording Secretary – Carrie Peacock
 - 6.2 Approval of the September 21, 2023, PMC Minutes
7. Resolutions
 - 7.1 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) Funding Model
 - 7.2 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) Dumont's Scouts
 - 7.3 MNLA Order of the Day / Agenda
8. Constitutional Reform Update
9. Financial Update
10. In-Camera:
 - 10.1 Ma Faamii Revised Implementation Plan
 - 10.2 Human Resources Update
 - 10.3 Legal Update
11. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231017-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

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

- Ongoing discussions related to *"Bill C-53: An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments and to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts"*
- The MN-S' relationships with provincial government officials and First Nations leaders
- Supporting Cree, Michif and Dene languages in Saskatchewan school systems.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of Recording Secretary

6.2 Review/Approval of September 21, 2023, Provincial Métis Council Draft Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the September 21, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Autumn Laing-LaRose)

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

- Appointment of Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for the October 17, 2023 PMC Meeting; and
- The Minutes of the September 21, 2023, PMC Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231017-02)

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

- RFA230425-04: The roll call lists from MNLAs since 2017, will soon be emailed to the PMC
- PMC members were previously invited to express their interest in serving on a LFDM Committee; it was confirmed that a list of the appointees will soon be provided.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Urban Programming for Indigenous People (UIP) Funding Model

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft Resolution titled, “UIP Funding Model”*
- *Briefing Note on “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples”, dated October 11, 2023*

Matt Vermette referenced UIP funding allocation options discussed at the September 21, 2023 PMC meeting, and the previous UIP funding allocation formula.

Kristi Ross, Manager, Culture and Heritage, Language and Veterans, reviewed the draft resolution provided for consideration.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- The intent of the initial UIP funding allocation, to ensure all Regions received funding
- Regional resources needed to support programs and services for citizens and communities
- Further information anticipated at a future PMC meeting on additional resources being pursued to support Regions.

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

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

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) has expressed a desire to have cultural programming delivered at the Local level;

WHEREAS the MN-S has an Urban Programming for Indigenous People (UIP) funding commitment from Canada for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 operating years;

WHEREAS the intent of the UIP program is to improve access to cultural programming for urban Indigenous people;

WHEREAS the MN-S has chosen to deliver on this intent through funding directed to Locals who are responsible for cultural program delivery under the UIP program;

WHEREAS the PMC reviewed funding allocation options at the September 2023 PMC Retreat and requested a further option for consideration at the October 17, 2023 PMC meeting (*attached as “Appendix A”*);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC selects UIP funding allocation Option #4 as the funding allocation model for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 operating years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that specifically, funding for UPIP will be allocated as follows, where urban centres (Western Region 2, Western Region 2A and Western Region 3) receive a base allocation of \$225,00.00 and rural centres (all other regions) receive a base allocation of \$50,000.00 with additional funding allocated based on population, as detailed in the table below:

Regions	UIP funding (2023/24 and 2024/25)
Northern Region 1	54,322.50
Northern Region 2	62,902.50
Northern Region 3	66,835.00
Western Region 1	72,360.00
Western Region 1A	73,497.50
Western Region 2	297,085.00
Western Region 2A	314,407.50
Western Region 3	274,075.00
Eastern Region 1	53,055.00
Eastern Region 2	61,407.50
Eastern Region 2A	57,052.50
Eastern Region 3	63,000.00
Ministry of Youth	200,000.00
TOTAL:	\$1,650,000.00

CARRIED (231017-03)

Kathie Pruden Nansel voted in opposition

Health Break

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

7.2 MNLA Dumont's Scouts

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution to "Appoint Dumont's Scouts for the November 24-26, 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly"

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 January 17, 2023 resolved that an MNLA will be held November 24-26, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC has determined at its October 17, 2023 meeting, 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 24-26, 2023 MNLA: Felix Merasty, John Belanger, Haley Burnouf and Adam Daigneault.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231017-04)

During discussion, it was suggested that consideration be given to selecting Dumont's Scouts for future MNLAs, from other areas (e.g., from south and central Saskatchewan).

7.3 MNLA Order of the Day / Agenda

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

During discussion on the agenda, it was noted that the November 24, 2023 Dialogue Forums will focus on: Constitutional Reform, Métis Court, Child Youth and Family Services, and the Registry.

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on January 17, 2023, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held November 24-26, 2023;

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

WHEREAS the Order of the Day / Agenda is hereby proposed for the MNLA to be held on November 24-26, 2023;

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 Resolution of October 17, 2023:

I. DIALOGUE FORUMS – NOVEMBER 24, 2023

II. MNLA DAY ONE – NOVEMBER 25, 2023

- Grand Entry:
 - o Lead Fiddler – Dean Smith
 - o Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - o Métis Anthem – Loretta King, Western Region 1
 - o O Canada
- State of the Nation - President McCallum
- Greetings:
 - o Métis National Council
 - o Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
 - o Federal Government Representative
 - o Provincial Government Representative
 - o Mayor of the City of Saskatoon
- Roll Call of Voting Delegates – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
- Health Break
- Dr. Earl Cook Memorial
- MNLA Motions:
 - o Appointment of the Minute Taker
 - o Adoption of the Order of the Day / Agenda
 - o Appointment of Dumont's Scouts
 - o Acceptance of New/Dissolved Locals

- Review of the May 25-26, 2023 MNLA Minutes:
 - o Reading of the Record of Decisions
 - o Adoption of the Minutes
 - o Business Arising from the Minutes
- Lunch
- Legal and Legislation Update – Panel Discussion:
 - o Vice President Michelle LeClair
 - o Christopher Gall, Deputy Chief/Senior General Council
 - o Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
- Health Break
- Commission on the Review of Locals Update – Michael Gatin, Commissioner
- Adjournment and Closing Prayer
- Entertainment and Banquet

III. MNLA DAY TWO – NOVEMBER 26, 2023

- Opening Prayer – Elder Debra Smith
- Roll Call – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
- Chief Executive Officer Report – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
- C92 Consultation Report
- MN-S Financial Update:
 - o Review of Audited Financial Statements
 - o Resolution to Approve the 2022-2023 Financial Audit
 - o Appointment of the Auditors for 2023-2024
- Lunch
- Technical Panel A - Ministries / Departments:
 - o Veterans
 - o Youth and Women
 - o Economic Development
- Health Break
- Technical Panel B - Ministries / Departments:
 - o Inter-Nation Relations
 - o Culture and Heritage
- Language
- Motion(s) to Accept Reports:
 - o Executive
 - o Regional
 - o Ministerial
 - o Affiliates
- Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios
- Motions and Resolutions
- Conclusion
- Closing Prayer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of October 17, 2023 hereby approve this Order of the Day / Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on November 24-26, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231017-05)

Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was varied to now consider Item 9 prior to Item 8.

9. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, confirmed that PMC members would receive an invitation to a PMC Audited Financial Statements Workshop. It was noted that the “2023-2024 Quarter 2 Review” would be provided at the next PMC meeting.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 12:40 p.m.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM UPDATE

Lisa McCallum, Secretary and Associate Minister of Constitutional Reform, provided updates on:

- The MN-S Constitutional Reform Consultation Sessions held in 2019, 2022 and 2023, noting that additional community sessions were anticipated in the Spring of 2024
- Invitations extended to Local Presidents, to request the Constitution Reform Consultation Team to present in their community
- Feedback gathered by the Team on the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) and the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act* (the “*Elections Act*”)
- The objective to present a draft revised *Constitution* at the Spring 2024 MNLA for consideration and potential approval at the Fall 2024 MNLA; revisions to the *Constitution* will be further informed by the report from the Commissioner for the Review of Locals
- Progress on the MN-S Justice Project¹, including initial testing of a judicial process prototype.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Arranging a meeting with the Northwest Council
- The feasibility of prioritizing engagement sessions in April 2024, in the communities the team had not visited; discussions specifically on revisions to the *Elections Act* could also be held.

10. IN-CAMERA

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

- 10.1 Ma Faamii Revised Implementation Plan
- 10.2 Human Resources Update
- 10.3 Legal Update.

11. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

It was confirmed that the next PMC meeting was scheduled November 21, 2023. The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Norman Fleury.

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231017-06)

Time: 1:00 p.m. (approximately)

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¹ Information on the MN-S Justice Project: <https://www.mnsjustice.ca>

ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES

The following item is referenced in Resolution #231017-03:

- A. Option #4, as presented in the Briefing Note on “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples”, dated October 11, 2023

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented for consideration at the October 17, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the October 17, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the September 21, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Draft Resolution on the “UIP Funding Model”
4. Briefing Note on “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples”, dated October 11, 2023
5. Draft Resolution to “Appoint Dumont's Scouts for the November 24-26, 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”
6. Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting the Order of the Day / Agenda for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
UIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples

Status Quo
Option #4

"Attachment A"
(Referenced in #231017-03)

NR1 - Laura Burnouf

Registered Citizens	382		
% of Total Registered Citizens¹	1.33%		
Available Funding	54,323		
Community	Numbers	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 50 - Uranium City	10	6%	\$ 3,259.35
Local 80 - Stony Rapids	10	6%	\$ 3,259.35
Local 19 - La Ronge	160	62%	\$ 33,679.95
Local 16 - Weyakwin	20	20%	\$ 10,864.50
Local 20 - Timber Bay	10	6%	\$ 3,259.35
		100%	\$ 54,322.50

NR2 - Leonard Montgrand

Registered Citizens	1143		
% of Total Registered Citizens¹	3.97%		
Available Funding	62,903		
Community	Numbers	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 39 - La Loche	452	40%	\$ 24,874.83
Local 62 - Buffalo Narrows	428	37%	\$ 23,554.04
Local 40 - Turnor Lake	46	4%	\$ 2,531.51
Local 65 - Dillon	60	5%	\$ 3,301.97
Local 70 - St. Georges Hill	57	5%	\$ 3,136.87
Local 156 - Bear Creek	50	4%	\$ 2,751.64
Local 162 - Black Point	50	4%	\$ 2,751.64
		100%	\$ 62,902.50

NR3 - Tex Bouvier

Registered Citizens	1493		
% of Total Registered Citizens¹	5.18%		
Available Funding	66,835		
Community	Numbers	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 21 - Ile-a-la-Crosse	574	38%	\$ 25,695.44
Local 9 - Pinehouse	203	14%	\$ 9,087.41
Local 37 - Beauval	300	20%	\$ 13,429.67
Local 5 - Green Lake	141	9%	\$ 6,311.95
Local 38 - Jans Bay	40	3%	\$ 1,790.62
Local 41 - Cole Bay	40	3%	\$ 1,790.62
Local 67 - Dore/Sled Lake	65	4%	\$ 2,909.76
Local 82 - Patuanak	65	4%	\$ 2,909.76
Local 174 - Canoe River	65	4%	\$ 2,909.76

100% \$ 66,835.00

ER1 - Ryan Carriere			
Registered Citizens	271		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	0.94%		
Available Funding	53,055		
Community	Numbers	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local ? - Cumberland House	137	100%	\$ 53,055.00
			\$53,055.00

ER2 - Brent Digness			
Registered Citizens	1012		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	3.51%		
Available Funding	61,408		
Community	Numbers	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 134 - Nipawin	285	28%	\$ 17,293.61
Local 22 - Melfort	235	23%	\$ 14,259.65
Local 114 - Hudson Bay	150	15%	\$ 9,101.90
Local 58 - Archerwill	40	4%	\$ 2,427.17
Local 137 - Carrot River	75	7%	\$ 4,550.95
Local 138 - Sturgis	40	4%	\$ 2,427.17
Local ? - Porcupine Plain	50	5%	\$ 3,033.97
Local 111 - Chelan	30	3%	\$ 1,842.23
Local 222 - Tisdale	107	11%	\$ 6,470.85
			100% \$ 61,407.50

ER2A - Tim Roussin			
Registered Citizens	625		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	2.17%		
Available Funding	57,052		
Community	Registered Citizens	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 13 - Yorkton	365	58%	\$ 33,318.48
Local 15 - Melville	150	24%	\$ 13,692.53
Local 47 - Crescent Lake	60	10%	\$ 5,477.01
Local 163 - Togo	50	8%	\$ 4,564.18
			100% \$ 57,052.20

ER3 - Marg Friesen			
Registered Citizens	1283		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	4%		
Available Funding	63,000		
Community	Registered Citizens	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 8 - Lestock	75	6%	\$ 3,682.77
Local 6 - Fort Qu'Appelle	125	10%	\$ 6,137.96

Local 25 - Estevan	413	32%	\$ 20,150.18
Local 48 - Lebret	85	7%	\$ 4,173.81
Local 103 - Sintaluta	300	23%	\$ 14,731.10
Local 135 - Rocanville	110	9%	\$ 5,401.40
Local 87- Weyburn	100	8%	\$ 5,040.00
Local 182 - Moose Mountain	75	6%	\$ 3,682.77
			100% \$ 63,000.00

WR1 - Loretta King

Registered Citizens	1982		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	6.88%		
Available Funding	\$ 72,360		
Community	Registered Citizens	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local ? - Meadow Lake	1242	63%	\$ 45,343.65
Local 71 - Pierceland	100	5%	\$ 3,650.86
Local 72 - Livelong	50	3%	\$ 1,825.43
Local 64 - Leoville	75	4%	\$ 2,738.14
Local 97 - Chitek Lake	50	3%	\$ 1,825.43
Local 161 - Midnight Lake	50	3%	\$ 1,825.43
Local 75 - Glaslyn	250	13%	\$ 9,127.14
Local ? - Rush Lake	65	3%	\$ 2,373.06
Local 136 - Spiritwood	100	5%	\$ 3,650.86
			100% \$ 72,360.00

WR1A - Billy Kennedy

Registered Citizens	2081		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	7.23%		
Available Funding	\$ 73,498		
Community	Registered Citizens	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Lloydminster	475		
Local 18	650	31%	\$ 22,957
Local 76	649	31%	\$ 22,922
Local 106 - North Battleford	532	26%	\$ 18,789
Local 30 - Battlefords	250	12%	\$ 8,830
			100% \$ 73,498

WR2 - Sherry McLennan

Registered Citizens	6389		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	22.18%		
Available Funding	\$ 297,085		
Community	Registered Citizens	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Prince Albert	3961		
Local 7 (PA)	2000	31%	\$ 92,998.90
Local 269 (PA)	2000	31%	\$ 92,998.90

Local 10 - Duck Lake	325	5%	\$ 15,112.32
Local 28 - St. Louis	350	5%	\$ 16,274.81
Local 43 - Kinistino	110	2%	\$ 5,114.94
Local 51 - Batoche	350	5%	\$ 16,274.81
Local 59 - Big River	400	6%	\$ 18,599.78
Local 61 - Debden	125	2%	\$ 5,812.43
Local 66 - Crutwell	104	2%	\$ 4,835.94
Local 81 - Shell Lake	105	2%	\$ 4,882.44
Local 83 - MacDowall	105	2%	\$ 4,882.44
Local 109 - Nordale	155	2%	\$ 7,207.42
Local 113 - Marcellin	155	2%	\$ 7,207.42
Local 77 - Leask	105	2%	\$ 4,882.44
			100% \$ 297,085.00

WR2A - Kathie Pruden

Registered Citizens	7791		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	27.05%		
Available Funding	\$ 314,408		
Community	Registered Citizens	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 11	1250	16%	\$ 50,444.02
Local 11A	1241	16%	\$ 50,080.82
Local 126	500	6%	\$ 20,177.61
Local 165	2500	32%	\$ 100,888.04
Local 53 - Biggar	700	9%	\$ 28,248.65
Local 55 - Cando Baljonne	400	5%	\$ 16,142.09
Local 85 - Fiske/D'Arcy	400	5%	\$ 16,142.09
Local 105 - Ruthilda	400	5%	\$ 16,142.09
Local ? - Allen	400	5%	\$ 16,142.09
7791		100%	\$ 314,407.50

WR3 - Wendy Gervais

Registered Citizens	4349		
% of Total Registered Citizens'	15.10%		
Available Funding	\$ 274,075		
Community	Registered Citizens	% of Registered Citizens	Allocation
Local 35 - Swift Current	500	11%	\$ 31,510.12
Local 160 - Moose Jaw	500	11%	\$ 31,510.12
Local 33	1999	46%	\$ 125,977.45
Local 34	1250	29%	\$ 78,775.29
Local 17 - Willow Bunch	100	2%	\$ 6,302.02
		100%	\$ 274,075.00



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

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

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

Present

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

Absent

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

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

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

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

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

AGENDA VARIED

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. OPENING REMARKS

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

- Agreements the MN-S had achieved, including with the University of Saskatchewan and the Province of Saskatchewan
- Discussions with Regional Directors on potential economic development opportunities
- Ongoing efforts to address social challenges, including high incarceration and apprehension rates, the impacts of substance abuse, and the rise in gang activities.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231121-01)

5.1 Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (231121-02)

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

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

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

Request for Action (RFA-231121-01)

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

Request for Action (RFA-231121-02)

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

Health Break

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

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Approval of the Audited Financial Statements for 2022/2023

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

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

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (231121-03)

11:10 a.m.

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

7.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2023/2024

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (231121-04)

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

7.3 MNLA Schedule for 2024/2025

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED (231121-05)

8. MNLA RESOLUTION

8.1 Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability

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

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

9. IN-CAMERA

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

- 9.1 Commission for the Review of Locals - Final Report
- 9.2 Board Appointments
- 9.3 Legal Update
- 9.4 Métis National Council – Agenda for the General Assembly
- 9.5 Human Resources Update.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

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

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

CARRIED (231121-06)

Time: 12:00 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

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

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

CARRIED (231121-07)

(Time: 5:30 p.m.)

5:40 p.m.

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, left the meeting.

9.4 Agenda for the Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly

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

During discussion on the agenda, comments were offered on:

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

Request for Action (RFA-231121-03)

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

10. OTHER BUSINESS

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

11. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented for consideration at the meeting:

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

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

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