



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held January 13-14, 2018

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held January 13-14, 2018 at the Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President, Co-Chair
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Lisa McCallum, Secretary
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
Earl Cook, Northern Region 1
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
Rebecca Major, Western Region 2A
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2 (Day 1)
Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2

OBSERVERS: *(as indicated on the sign-in sheet circulated at the meeting)*

Albert Carisse, Ile-A-La Crosse
Carol Fosseneaux, Cumberland House
Rhonda Friessen, Prince Albert
Sam Friessen
Tyler Gervais
Shannon Landrie-Crossland, X-Terra Environmental
Charlene Lavallee
Corey Linnen, X-Terra Environmental
Floyd McCallum

Verna McCallum
Adam McInnes, Western Region 2A
Dakota McLeod
Reina Sinclair, Western Region 3
Elton Soll
Robert St. Pierre, La Loche
Bonnie Vandale, Western Region 3
Wayne Whitford, Western Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

President Clément Chartier, QC,
Métis National Council (MNC) (Day 1)
Lloyd Bishop, Provincial Métis Veterans
Napoleon Chartier (Item 6)
Norman Fleury, Elder
Michelle Gardiner, MN-S Receptionist

Alex L. Maurice, Provincial Métis Veterans
Aaron Murray, Derek Murray Consulting
and Associates (Item 9)
Richard Quintal, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Tristan Zachow, SaskMétis Economic Development
Corporation (SMEDCO) (Item 9)

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell

Evan Shoforost

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation
Coordinator, Department of Indigenous
Services Canada (DISC)

Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer,
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
Canada (CIRNAC)

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced with a Grand Entry procession led by Provincial Métis Veterans bearing the flags of Canada, the Métis Nation, and the Province of Saskatchewan. President McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Norman Fleury, Elder, offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for the meeting.

CARRIED (180113-01)

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its meeting scheduled January 13-14, 2018:

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of Recording Secretary
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Review of the Minutes
 - 5.1 Approval of the Minutes
 - 5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Communications
 - 6.1 Communications Strategy
 - 6.2 Update from La Loche
7. National President Update, Clément Chartier
8. Regional Directors' and Ministerial Reports
9. Economic Development
10. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update
 - 10.1 Resolution Supporting the Signing of the MOU
11. Political Agenda
 - 11.1 Governance Gathering for Local Presidents

- 11.2 Resolution – Joint Cabinet Meeting between MN-S and MMF
- 11.3 Resolution Supporting the Tom Isaac Retainer Payment
- 11.4 Self Government Negotiations Framework Agreement Signing
- 12. Batoche
 - 12.1 Resolution – Batoche 2020
 - 12.2 Resolution – Exploratory Discussion with Parks Canada regarding Repatriation of Batoche Historical Site
- 13. Standing Committees
- 14. Budget Update
- 15. Other Business
 - 15.1 Invitation to Junior Games
 - 15.2 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)
 - 15.3 Métis Archival Project (MAP)
 - 15.4 Directors' Liability Insurance
 - 15.5 Standing Committee on Registry
- 16. Next PMC Meeting
- 17. Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (180113-02)

ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now adjourns to an In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED (180113-03)

(Time: 9:31 a.m.)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting reconvened on January 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with the same individuals in attendance.

5. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the November 29 and December 10, 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting.

Request for Action

That future Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting minutes note motions as being either CARRIED or DEFEATED (as appropriate) with abstentions noted anonymously unless otherwise requested at the time of the vote.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of its November 29 and December 10, 2017 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED (180113-04)

(One abstention)

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting considered the MN-S Interim Rules #001 – Métis Nation Saskatchewan Interim Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure and the MN-S Interim Rules #002 – Métis Nation Saskatchewan – Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy.

Consideration of this item was deferred to later in the meeting following Item 14.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Communications Strategy

Napoleon Chartier offered a verbal report on the MN-S Communications Strategy.

During consideration of the report, comments were offered regarding:

- Interest in building an in-house communications capacity
- Importance of ensuring website content is current
- Options for utilizing free social media platforms
- Plans to move to a RFP process for communications as policies and procedures are clarified
- Confirmation that a proposed budget will be submitted to the MN-S Finance Committee
- Role of the Standing Committee on Human Resources in hiring
- Confirmation that Terms of Reference for a Communications Committee are being drafted.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council authorize the MN-S Interim Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the interim implementation of a Communication Strategy pending budget considerations.

CARRIED (180113-05)

6.2 Update from La Loche

Robert St. Pierre, Mayor of La Loche, offered comments regarding a proposed memorial site in La Loche. He noted the declaration of January 22 as a civic holiday in the community, and advised of community safety planning in preparation for the upcoming February 23, 2018 sentencing date in the community.

7. NATIONAL PRESIDENT UPDATE, CLÉMENT CHARTIER

Métis National Council (MNC) President Clément Chartier offered comments regarding:

- The MNC Assembly’s adoption of resolutions:
 - 2020 – the Métis Nation’s 150th Anniversary of Joining Canada, by a majority at the April 28-29, 2017 General Assembly
 - Integrity of the Historic Métis Nation Homeland and Métis Nation Citizenship, by a majority at the December 12-13, 2017 Special Sitting of the General Assembly
- Interest in scheduling a follow up meeting to the January 1978 MN-S/Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Joint Meeting
- MNC events planned during the remainder of fiscal 2017/18
- Encouragement for all Governing Members to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Canada in order to move forward with the Métis Nation Framework Agreement.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The former MN-S President's acceptance of the Métis Nation of Quebec, which was not endorsed by the PMC
- The Métis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) acceptance of additional Métis communities
- MNC Board of Governors' resolution opposing "grandfathering" Métis communities.

8. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' AND MINISTERIAL REPORTS

During consideration of Regional Directors' and Ministerial Reports, comments were offered regarding:

- Interest in capacity building funding in the regions
- Need for technical assistance for MN-S ministries to write funding proposals
- Ongoing work to develop a National Strategy on Climate Change and the Environment
- Acknowledgement of the MN-S's progress towards restoring governance and the help received from CIRNAC, Ernst & Young, MNC and the MMF
- Information on funding available to hire a director for the Ministry of Environment
- Emergency Meeting on Children and Families scheduled January 25-26, 2018 in Ottawa ON
- Re-establishment of locals in the regions, and the election and development of local Boards
- Invitation for the PMC to attend a June 23-24, 2018 gathering in Moose Jaw, SK
- Preparations for 2018 Batoche Days (July 19-23, 2018) with the theme "Best of Batoche"
- MN-S relationship with the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI)
- Interest in negotiating a new Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) agreement.

Request for Action

President McCallum was requested to send a letter to the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan confirming the appointment of Sherry McLennan as the MN-S' representative.

Consideration of Item 8 resumed following Item 9.

9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tristan Zachow, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), and Aaron Murray, Derek Murray Consulting and Associates, were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Murray reviewed a distributed presentation titled "Regional Development Corporation Support".

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Availability of Community Capacity Strategy funding to support each of the regions
- Plans to engage with regions as they are ready to proceed
- Barriers to applying for funding and the lack of capacity in some regions
- Priority for the CCFD and SMEDCO to work hand-in-hand
- Importance of acknowledging and communicating economic development successes
- Support for Community Development Corporations, guided by the Strategic Plan
- Plans for a standardized economic development template.

8. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' AND MINISTERIAL REPORTS (CONT'D.)

During the continued presentation of reports, comments were offered regarding:

- Letter from the Secretary to locals requesting current organizational information
- Retention of a consultant to assist with the Registry
- Establishment of regional Registry offices

- Rationale for the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) to administer Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UIP) funding
- GDI's development of a Needs Assessment based on consultations throughout the Province.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Confirmation that Earl Cook serves as the Minister of UIP
- Regional Directors' interest in being informed when MN-S PMC Executive members have arranged meetings in their regions
- Potential to establish a mobile Registry service
- Resolution of Information Technology issues
- Mandate of the Provincial Secretary
- Processes for accepting and dissolving Métis locals
- Interest in activating the Standing Committee on the Métis Nation Registry
- Importance of collaboration in the PMC's work
- Clarification that the Constitution indicates that a local may or may not be incorporated.

Consideration of Item 8 resumed when the meeting reconvened on January 14, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now adjourns to an In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED (180113-06)

(Time: 4:20 p.m.)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting reconvened on January 14, 2018 at 9:20 a.m. with the same individuals in attendance. Norman Fleury, Elder, offered an Opening Prayer.

8. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' AND MINISTERIAL REPORTS (CONT'D.)

During the continued presentation of reports, comments were offered regarding:

- GDI's formation of a Committee to consider UIP proposals
- Confirmation that left over UIP funds could be carried forward to the next fiscal so long as administration of the UIP remains with the GDI
- Plans to establish an Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Committee.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Lack of response to UIP proposals submitted to the Associate Minister for UIP
- Clarification that UIP funds administered by GDI are for MN-S-specific initiatives
- Interest in clarifying the UIP proposal criteria and evaluation process
- Factors impacting the decision to have GDI administer the first year of UIP funding
- MNC Assembly resolution on the implementation of a Métis-specific education system
- GDI Board appointment process
- Clarification that the Provincial Secretary is to meet with the Minister of UIP to facilitate the transfer for information on the portfolio to the Minister Responsible
- Barriers to the MN-S administering the UIP funding in the next fiscal

- Interest in hiring a permanent MN-S Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- Importance of framing PMC discussions around the governance training received
- Options for transitioning the administration of the UPIP funding to the MN-S
- Interest of Sask Education to have Métis representation on its committees
- Potential establishment of Métis teachers alumni association, utilizing Federal funding.

Request for Action

It was requested that the Minister of Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) and the Transition Team meet as soon as possible to draft recommendations to the MN-S PMC regarding the administration of UPIP.

During the continued presentation of reports, comments were offered regarding:

- Youth Summer Leadership Program
- Need for Regional Councils to appoint youth representatives
- Interest in having each region commit to at least one baseball/volleyball or golf team to participate in Batoche Days.

During further discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The 5th National Annual Aboriginal Curling Championship donation request
- Funding received and allocated to Métis athletes
- Importance of recognizing and supporting emerging Métis athletes
- Potential to engage SaskPen inmates to assist as volunteers for Batoche Days
- Proposal for Les Filles des Madeleine (LFM) governance training on February 23-25, 2018
- Plans to set the date for the election of the LFM President
- Efforts to establish a National Métis Veterans Council and compensation package for Métis Veterans
- Plans to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of World War I in Batoche
- Work on a strategy with Parks Canada to protect the Cumberland House Delta and Forest
- Administration of Homeless Strategy funding, which is open to all Indigenous organizations
- Uncertainty of Federal funding for Métis housing
- Economic development activities in the regions
- Discussions with the Province and Federal Government about an historic Métis land claim
- Utilization of Duty to Consult (DTC) funding.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Lack of space for homeless, independent Métis women
- Importance of considering how the Standing Committees can play a role in each Ministry
- Need for strong housing infrastructure
- Communications challenges affecting isolated communities
- Interest in expanding the Winter Warmth campaign to apply to cities
- Efforts to meet with the Agricultural Minister to address Community Pastures
- Participation in the MNC Health Committee
- Efforts to rebuild relationships with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) and the Cancer Agency of Saskatchewan
- Receipt of capacity funding from CPAC to be used by March 31, 2018, and plans to respond to the February 2018 Request for Proposals with a submission for April 1, 2018

- Engagement with health authorities on gaps in service delivery, and the lack of culturally appropriate supports
- Identification of two individuals to participate in a Royal University Hospital Advisory Committee, to develop policies on access to women's health services
- Upcoming Knowledge Forum about the gaps in service for people with disabilities in SK
- Importance of bringing MACSI on board as part of the service delivery team with people going through the stages of addiction and recovery
- Plans to engage the MMF and the University of Manitoba to do a comparison of governance models for identifying Métis citizens when they access health services in SK.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Clarification that the Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee (IMAC) Terms of Reference states that IMAC does not replace or affect DTC
- IMAC has requested a meeting with Eastern Region 3, which is an intervener
- Importance of following the chain of command in sending/responding to communications
- Gaps in service delivery for northern residents to access medical appointments/treatments
- The Prime Minister's November 2017 visit to North Battleford, SK
- Attendance at various regional elections and AGMs
- Conversation with First Nations about working together to be a stronger voice (re: DTC)
- The National Indigenous Games (NIG) tryouts, which was attended by many Métis athletes
- Potential project to honour Cyprian Morin, Métis founder of the Meadow Lake settlement
- Porcupine Plane Community Action Program, and Canada Pre-Natal Nutrition Program
- Regional meeting scheduled February 14, 2018 in Porcupine Plane
- Efforts to compile information on environment, history, traditional knowledge, etc., which local Presidents can access in responding to DTC and in submitting proposals.

It was MOVED (Jaycee Bell) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) receive for information the written and verbal Ministerial Reports provided at the meeting.

CARRIED (180114-01)

10. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

During discussion regarding a draft S. 35 table resolution supporting the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), comments were offered regarding:

- Other Governing Members, with the exception of the MNBC, having signed similar MOUs; the MMF has its negotiating table in place
- Interest of the Federal Government to negotiate rather than litigate the 1994 land claim
- Confirmation that all MN-S citizens would be beneficiaries of the results of a land claim
- An available survey of occupation of the Métis in Saskatchewan.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), as the government of the Métis in Saskatchewan, is mandated to advance Métis rights, self-government and self-determination in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, states that “the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed” and “the ‘aboriginal peoples of Canada’ includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis people”; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has noted that Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, calls for a process of reconciliation between the Crown and Aboriginal peoples through which the rights and outstanding claims of Aboriginal peoples are determined, recognized and respected through honourable negotiations with the goal of reaching just and lasting settlements; and

WHEREAS the MN-S is currently participating, along with the Government of Canada, in such a process as described in the preceding clause; and

WHEREAS this process is known as the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination table and is meant to add substance to Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS Canada is committed to working, on a nation-to-nation, government-to-government basis, with the Métis Nation, through bilateral negotiations with the MN-S, to advance reconciliation and renew the relationship through cooperation, respect for Métis Nation rights, and moving beyond the status quo; and

WHEREAS the MN-S and the Government of Canada are ready to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will set the stage for the negotiation of a Framework Agreement, which will define the process of formal negotiations on Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS the items contemplated for formal negotiations include, but are not limited to, the MN-S Land Claim filed in North West Saskatchewan in 1994, Métis Self Government, etc.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) give MN-S President McCallum and Vice-President Morin the authority and mandate to sign the abovementioned MOU on behalf of the MN-S; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the PMC strongly encourage President McCallum and Vice-President Morin to sign the MOU with Canada as soon as possible.

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Further consideration of Item 10 resumed following Item 12.

11. POLITICAL AGENDA

11.1 Governance Gathering (for local Presidents)

During discussion regarding convening a governance workshop for local Presidents, comments were offered regarding:

- Interest in holding a governance workshop in advance of the next MNLA
- Potential subjects for discussion at the workshop
- Potential revisions to Acts in phases, given the inconsistencies and conflicts to be addressed
- Role of the Standing Committee for Constitutional Reform
- Recognition that the MN-S did not have an MNLA for several years prior to 2010, and that there were two MNLAs held in 2017
- Regions' responsibility to confirm names and contact information for their local presidents.

It was MOVED (Lisa McCallum) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) schedule a Governance Workshop in February 2018 for local Presidents and the Presidents of the Youth and Women's Councils, and that the Workshop agenda include governance training, review of legislation, and Duty to Consult.

CARRIED (180114-02)

11.2 Resolution – Joint Cabinet Meeting Between MN-S and MMF

It was MOVED (Lisa McCallum) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Cabinets/Boards/Leadership met at Cranberry Portage, Manitoba in January 1978 to discuss pressing Métis Nation issues, including land and self-government rights; and

WHEREAS the MN-S was to host the next session, which has not taken place to date; and

WHEREAS the MMF has been successful in safeguarding and promoting the provincial court victory in the *Goodon* case 2009, and the non-recognition of the provincial court victory in the *Belhumeur* case 2007 by the Saskatchewan government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council authorizes MN-S President McCallum to propose by letter to MMF President David Chartrand that the MN-S offers to convene the 1978 commitment to host the next joint meeting of the respective Cabinets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Joint Cabinets meeting be proposed to be held in March 2018 in a location in southern Saskatchewan impacted by the *Belhumeur* case; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the main topics of the Joint Cabinets meeting will be to review developments since the 1978 Cranberry Portage session, and the examination of the harvesting rights issues arising from the *Goodon* and *Belhumeur* cases, in which the court recognized that harvesting areas abut each other at the Manitoba – Saskatchewan boundary.

CARRIED (180114-03)

11.3 Resolution Supporting the Tom Isaac Retainer Payment

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorize the payment of Tom Isaac’s \$25,000 retainer.

CARRIED (180114-04)

11.4 Self Government Negotiations Framework Agreement Signing

It was noted that signing of the Self Government Negotiations Framework Agreement would move forward following the signing of the MOU.

12. BATOCHE

12.1 Resolution – Batoche 2020

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the Métis National Council (MNC) in April 2017 adopted the “2020 Resolution” with support of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) delegates; and

WHEREAS the 2020 Resolution sets out a number of social and cultural activities, as well as political/governance measures, some of which impact the MN-S and Batoche directly; and

WHEREAS the MN-S needs to begin planning for 2020 commemoration/celebration activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council mandates MN-S President McCallum to begin the process of implementing Resolution 2020, acting on its own behalf for measures calling for such action by the MN-S, and collectively with other Métis Nation Governing Members requiring broader Métis Nation action, in particular with the Manitoba Metis Federation, which is mandated to head up the proposed 2020 Resolution Committee.

CARRIED (180114-05)

12.2 Resolution – Exploratory Discussion with Parks Canada Regarding Repatriation of Batoche Historical Site

During discussion on a draft resolution related to Batoche, comments were offered regarding:

- Whether Batoche can be protected by the Métis, with federal funding support
- Confirmation that the Interim/CEO has had discussions with Parks Canada on options
- Tax exemption for the six river lots, some of which are under water
- 1986 Master Plan for Batoche, which included a golf course and amphitheatre
- Funding secured in 2000 to build a Bed and Breakfast at Batoche.

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

WHEREAS the second provisional government of the Métis Nation was headquartered at Batoche in 1884/85, which was the site of the last battle between Canada and the Métis Nation; and

WHEREAS President Louis Riel, upon his voluntary surrender to the government troops after the Battle of Batoche was subsequently tried and executed on November 16, 1885; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through the Minister of Heritage Canada, is seeking positive measures to honour President Louis Riel; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the importance of Reconciliation and embarks on this initiative in that spirit; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation will be marking, by commemoration and celebration, the 150th anniversary of the entry of the Métis Nation into Canadian Confederation through the *Manitoba Act 1870* and the *Rupert's Land Order 1870*; and

WHEREAS the MN-S believes Batoche, as a sacred and cherished historic site, is important for the continued existence of the Métis in western Canada as a distinct nation and people; and

WHEREAS the MN-S, on behalf of the Métis Nation, seeks ownership of the traditional land at Batoche, along with the reparations suffered as a result of the Battle of Batoche and subsequent governmental actions over the intervening years; and

WHEREAS the MN-S has entered into Section 35 rights reconciliation negotiations with the Government of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) mandates MN-S President McCallum and Minister of Batoche Sherry McLennan to engage in a process or processes of negotiation, which will lead to an agreement with the Government of Canada resulting in the Batoche National Historic Site lands being returned to the MN-S; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process be approached in a rights based manner, giving President McCallum and the MN-S Minister of Batoche the flexibility of achieving ownership and control of the Batoche National Historic Site; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that President McCallum, and the MN-S Minister of Batoche shall provide updates to the PMC, with the final draft agreement presented to the PMC for approval.

CARRIED (180114-06)

10. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) (CONT'D.)

The draft resolution, which was tabled earlier in the meeting, was reintroduced.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), as the government of the Métis in Saskatchewan, is mandated to advance Métis rights, self-government and self-determination in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, states that “the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed” and “the ‘aboriginal peoples of Canada’ includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis people”; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has noted that Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, calls for a process of reconciliation between the Crown and Aboriginal peoples through which the rights and outstanding claims of Aboriginal peoples are determined, recognized and respected through honourable negotiations with the goal of reaching just and lasting settlements; and

WHEREAS the MN-S is currently participating, along with the Government of Canada, in such a process as described in the preceding clause; and

WHEREAS this process is known as the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination table and is meant to add substance to Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS Canada is committed to working, on a nation-to-nation, government-to-government basis, with the Métis Nation, through bilateral negotiations with the MN-S, to advance reconciliation and renew the relationship through cooperation, respect for Métis Nation rights, and moving beyond the status quo; and

WHEREAS the MN-S and the Government of Canada are ready to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will set the stage for the negotiation of a Framework Agreement, which will define the process of formal negotiations on Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS the items contemplated for formal negotiations include, but are not limited to, the MN-S Land Claim filed in North West Saskatchewan in 1994, Métis Self Government, etc.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) give MN-S President McCallum and Vice-President Morin the authority and mandate to sign the abovementioned MOU on behalf of the MN-S; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the PMC strongly encourage President McCallum and Vice-President Morin to sign the MOU with Canada as soon as possible.

CARRIED (180114-07)

13. STANDING COMMITTEES

It was acknowledged that Standing Committee related discussions had occurred throughout consideration of the prior Agenda items.

14. BUDGET UPDATE

During consideration of a budget update, comments were offered regarding:

- Acknowledgement that the confidential financial statements have been watermarked with individual PMC members' names
- MN-S is in an excellent financial position, with the recent release of federal funding
- Capacity funding for local presidents
- Finance Committee will meet January 23, 2018 and report to the March 2018 PMC meeting.

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept as presented the Financial Statements and information, provided at the meeting.

CARRIED (180114-08)

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorize the payment of all outstanding accounts payables, including but not limited to Ernst and Young fees, Regional Capacity Funding, Marc LeClair, and Women and Youth.

CARRIED (180114-09)

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes (Cont'd.)

The meeting reconsidered the MN-S Interim Rules #001 – Métis Nation Saskatchewan Interim Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure and the MN-S Interim Rules #002 – Métis Nation Saskatchewan – Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Suggestion that the PMC meet prior to the Governance Workshop in February 2018
- Importance of also addressing harassment in the Code of Conduct
- Acknowledgement that the draft policies were provided to the PMC at its last meeting
- Need to address the matter of repercussions, enforcement and a judicial body to consider breeches in conduct
- Need for liability insurance for directors.

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

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) adopt in principle the Interim Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure and the Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy, with a view to finally adopting the Rules and Code at the next PMC meeting.

CARRIED (180114-10)

(Lisa McCallum and Rebecca Major voting in the negative)

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Invitation to Junior Games

Comments were offered on the importance of supporting youth in the community. The PMC was invited to attend the Junior Games March 23-28, 2018 in Cumberland House, SK.

15.2 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)

It was confirmed that the UPIP Committee was created July 18, 2018, which remains in place.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Jaycee Bell)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve the recommendation from the Minister of Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) to authorize its affiliate, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, to deliver the UPIP program to Métis communities for fiscal year 2017/18 and directs that a longer term model for UPIP be brought to PMC for approval for the remaining four years of the program.

CARRIED (180114-11)

15.3 Métis Archival Project (MAP)

Consideration of this item was deferred to the next meeting.

15.4 Directors' Liability Insurance - TABLED

Consideration of this item was deferred to the next meeting.

15.5 Standing Committee on Registry

During discussion, comments were offered on whether this item should be considered in-camera.

ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now adjourns to an In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED (180114-12)

(Time: 2:21 p.m.)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting reconvened on January 14, 2018 at 4:24 p.m. with the same individuals in attendance with the exception of Earl Cook and Derek Langan.

16. NEXT PMC MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be for two days some time prior to the Governance Workshop in February 2018.

17. CLOSING PRAYER

Norman Fleury, Elder, acknowledged the good work that had been done during the meeting, and the progress that is being made. He encouraged the need for more emphasis on Métis language and culture in future discussions, and concluded with the offer of a Closing Prayer.

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held January 13-14, 2018 concluded on January 14, 2018 at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the January 13-14, 2018 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled January 13-14, 2018
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held November 29 and December 10, 2017
3. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council In-Camera Meeting held November 29 and December 10, 2017
4. Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Policies:
 - Interim Rules #001- Interim Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure
 - Interim Rules #002 - Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest
5. Memorandum of Understanding on Advancing Reconciliation
6. Draft Resolutions:
 - Exploratory Discussion with Parks Canada regarding Repatriation of Batoche Historical Site
 - Joint Cabinets Meeting
 - Batoche 2020
 - Draft S. 35 Table Resolution – Memorandum of Understanding
7. Regional Statement from Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
8. MN-S Eastern Region III Provincial Métis Council Report, dated November 29, 2017
9. Presentation titled “Regional Development Corporation Support” dated January 13, 2018
10. Provincial Secretary Update – Lisa McCallum
11. Provincial and Regional Citizenship Offices
12. MN-S Memorandum from Lisa McCallum, Office of the Provincial Secretary, dated January 4, 2018 regarding “Current Métis Local Organizational Information”
13. Book titled “An Institute of Our Own – A History of the Gabriel Dumont Institute”, by Lisa Bird-Wilson
14. Confidential Financial Statements, including a Budget Update to January 12, 2018.