



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held March 7, 2019

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held March 7, 2019 in the British Columbia Room at the Westin Hotel, 11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President, Chair

Gerald Morin, Vice-President

Earl Cook, Treasurer

Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3

Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

Loretta King, Western Region 1

Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A

Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine

Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2

ALSO PRESENT: *(as indicated on a circulated sign-in sheet)*

Max Morin, Elder

Brennan Merasty, MN-S Office

Richard Quintal, Chief of Staff

Louise Simard, Transition Team

(via teleconference)

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Manager, Métis Relations, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) (arrived at 11:40 a.m.)

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Christel Guenette, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the Agenda was varied throughout the meeting. Items are indicated in these minutes in the order in which they were considered.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

President Glen McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Max Morin offered an Opening Prayer, and introduced Christine Morin and Brittany Corrigan, who jointly provided a presentation at the March 5-6, 2019 Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Conference.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

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

CARRIED (190307-01)

President McCallum commented on events that had transpired close to his community, including a number of funerals. Families were suffering and efforts were needed to move forward for the benefit of the people. He suggested that the PMC set time aside for an Elected Officials Retreat.

Request for Action

It was requested that a MN-S PMC Elected Officials' Retreat be scheduled.

President McCallum offered further comments on:

- Increased funding and staffing required, to ensure files advanced quickly in the next fiscal year
- The need for increased engagement on environmental and other issues, which are critical to Métis citizens
- Sharing information with citizens at the upcoming Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), relative to the MN-S' working relationship with governments, memorandums of understanding (MOUs), and progress on federal files (i.e. ELCC)
- Increased funding needed to establish the MN-S office and to support engagement with communities.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice President Gerald Morin referred the meeting to the agenda provided.

During a review of the agenda, it was suggested that the meeting consider "Elders Group Homes". It was suggested that the Minister of Health and the Minister of Métis Family and Community Justice Services Saskatchewan, Inc. discuss "Elders Group Homes" and provide an update at a future PMC meeting.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the following Agenda for its meeting scheduled March 7, 2019:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of the Recording Secretary
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Review of the Previous Minutes
 - 5.1 Approval of the Minutes
 - 5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Budget 2019-2020
7. MNLA Ministerial Appointments
8. Dumont Scouts - MNLA Appointments
 - 8.1 MNLA

9. Les Filles de Madeleine
10. Veterans Protocol
11. Eastern Region 3 – Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Board Appointment
12. Child and Family Services / Sixties Scoop
13. Canadian Partnership Against Cancer
14. Next Meeting
15. Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (190307-02)

5. REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the Minutes

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions included in the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 12-13, 2019.

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held January 12-13, 2019, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED (190307-03)

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

President McCallum reported that Bobby Cameron, Chief of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) had expressed an interest in signing a MOU, affirming the working relationship between the MN-S and the FSIN. A signing ceremony for the MN-S / FSIN MOU will be scheduled, accordingly.

Richard Quintal, Chief of Staff, provided an update on discussions at the February 26, 2019 Permanent Bilateral Mechanism meeting.

Discussion ensued on:

- Funding available to First Nations through the Aboriginal Sports Circle
- Assigning a committee to discuss nation-to-nation relationships related to sports
- Specific funding that could be considered through a MN-S / FSIN arrangement.

6. BUDGET 2019-2020

Related Information: “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Fiscal 2019/2020”

Mr. Quintal reviewed the distributed budget, and offered comments on:

- The April 1, 2019 deadline for submission of a workplan to Canada
- Federal government’s successful review of the MN-S’ audited financial statements, enabling a flow of funding for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 fiscal years (estimated at \$30 million)
- Funding received under the ELCC Sub-Accord, which would be held in a trust to provide time for the MN-S to determine how best to allocate the funds.

Appreciation was extended to Mr. Quintal for his efforts to ensure that the MN-S was accountable to the federal government, to receive funding.

Further comments were offered on:

- Adjusting the format of the budget presented at the MNLA, to include additional information on each MN-S department
- Privacy legislation, relative to the disclosure of elected officials and employees' salaries
- Scheduling a planning meeting to determine how best to allocate ELCC funding:
 - Engagement sessions could be held to consider a strategy for programs in all regions
- Benefits of establishing community health and wellness hubs, for each region to leverage funding (i.e. for ELCC, Elders, Housing, Children and Families, Health, etc.)
- Confirmation that MN-S would receive Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year
- How UPIP funding was allocated to each region
- The need for a strategic plan on how future funding would be allocated, in a manner that ensured accountability and transparency
- Potentially developing a communications strategy, and preparing a media release to circulate to MN-S citizens, outlining the MN-S efforts over the past three years.

Request for Action

It was requested that a legal opinion be obtained on parameters related to the disclosure of salaries of elected officials and employees.

Request for Action

It was requested that clarification be obtained and provided to the PMC, regarding the public health budget, and why funding was not received for three years.

During discussion on salaries, comments were offered on:

- A expert analysis conducted on the MN-S' elected officials salaries
- Staff and elected officials being compensated below market equivalents
- Preparing a "salary grid" for elected officials indicating how each would correspond to different tax brackets.

Request for Action

Louise Simard agreed to investigate preparing a "salary grid" for MN-S' elected officials, including an indication of how each salary level would correspond to different tax brackets.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council approve as presented the MN-S Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

CARRIED (190307-04)

Request for Action

It was requested that a financial outline for 2018/19 be prepared and provided to the PMC prior to the MNLA planning meeting.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

7. MNLA MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT

Related information: “Proposed Resolution – Ministerial Appointments – Draft”

This item was postponed for consideration at a future PMC meeting.

8. DUMONT’S SCOUTS - MNLA APPOINTMENTS

Related information: “Proposed Resolution – Dumont Scouts Appointments”

During discussion, it was confirmed that security would be hired for the MNLA, and a woman would be selected to serve as one of the four Dumont’s Scouts.

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals shall be Dumont’s Scouts:

- Lloyd Bishop
- Alex Maurice
- Felix Merasty
- 1 woman (to be selected).

CARRIED (190307-05)

8.1 MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

President McCallum confirmed that as requested, the MNLA would include a “Question and Answer Period”, to provide an opportunity for MN-S Senior Officials and MN-S Ministers to respond to attendee’s questions.

It was further confirmed that MN-S Senators were appointed for life, or until they were no longer able to continue their appointment.

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoint Mike Nolin to serve as Speaker, and Joe Blyn to serve as Deputy Speaker for the 2019 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

CARRIED (190307-06)

9. LES FILLES DE MADELEINE

Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine, acknowledged capacity funding received from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, and offered comments on:

- The purchase of laptops to allow members to attend meetings via Skype
- Support being sought for a resolution to be introduced at the MNLA, to include the election of Métis Women and Youth Representatives, on MN-S general election ballots
- The appointment of regional Métis Women representatives by their respective regional tables.

10. VETERANS PROTOCOL

Related Information: Report titled “Métis Veterans Protocol”, submitted by Minister Carriere

Ryan Carriere, Minister of Veterans, referred the meeting to the report provided, prepared in collaboration with President McCallum, which included updates on the Veterans Protocol, and the role of Dumont Scouts at MN-S meetings, assemblies, etc.

11. EASTERN REGION 3 - GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE (GDI) BOARD APPOINTMENT

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, acknowledged names submitted for appointment to the GDI Board at the previous meeting, which were not approved. The motion was tabled.

12. CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SIXTIES SCOOP

Wendy Gervais, Minister of Métis Family and Community Justice Services Saskatchewan, Inc. referenced upcoming Sixties Scoop Engagement Sessions, and offered comments on:

- Métis children who were apprehended from their families between 1951 and 1991; some were adopted into non-Métis families
- The Sixties Scoop Engagement Session scheduled April 6-7, 2019, in Saskatoon.

Directors were encouraged to invite Métis community members who were impacted by the sixties scoop (and their families), to attend the session.

13. CANADIAN PARTNERSHIP AGAINST CANCER ENGAGEMENT

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, noted that Canadian Partnership Against Cancer engagement sessions would begin March 27, 2019. She requested that a representative or designate from each region attend.

14. NEXT PMC MEETING

It was noted that a planning session would be scheduled to review the MNLA agenda and submitted resolutions, prior to the MNLA.

15. CONCLUSION / CLOSING PRAYER

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held March 7, 2019 concluded at 11:50 a.m. Elder Max Morin offered a Closing Prayer.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the March 7, 2019 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled March 7, 2019
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held January 12-13, 2019
3. Report titled “MN-S Environment”, dated March 7, 2019
4. Report titled “MN-S – Heritage & Language”, dated March 7, 2019
5. Report titled “February 2019 Registry Report

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CIRNAC	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
ELCC	Early Learning and Child Care
FSIN	Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples