



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held December 11, 2020

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held December 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST) via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Chair
Earl Cook, Treasurer
Lisa McCallum, Secretary
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2

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
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

ABSENT:

Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A

Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine

ALSO PRESENT:

Jay Boecher, Bang Up Productions
Norman Fleury, Elder
Brian Heinrichs, Virtus Group (for Item 6.1 only)

Claire Letendre, Bang Up Productions
Merrilee Rasmussen, Legal Counsel
Jane Zaleschuk, Virtus Group (for Item 6.1 only)

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst
Julia Burns, Communications Director
Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Childcare /
Child and Family Services
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing
Brandy Laronde, Office Manager
Lillian Lizée, Interim Senior Advisor
Cecile McKay, Executive Assistant
Jason McKay, Director Sports, Culture and
Recreation and Director of Education

Craig Medwyduk, Creative Director
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and
Research
Adel Panahi, Director of Health
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer
Reina Sinclair, Director of Environment
Lori Skjeie, Director, Language and Culture
Mavis Taylor, Director of Youth

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the Agenda was varied during the meeting. Items are indicated in these minutes in the order in which they were considered, and are numbered as indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gerald Morin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and conducted a roll call to confirm a quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Agenda for the December 11, 2020 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council Meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of the Minutes (December 3, 2020 and July 18, 2019):
 - 4.1 Approval of the Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Resolutions for Proposed Amendments to the *Citizenship Act* and *Elections Act*
6. 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements:
 - 6.1 Approval of the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements
 - 6.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2020/2021
7. Ministerial Resolutions:
 - 7.1 Post-Secondary Education - Renewal
 - 7.2 Housing – Emergency Repairs Program
 - 7.3 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 - 7.4 Early Learning and Child Care
 - 7.5 Health – Mental Health and Addictions Feasibility Study
8. Other Business
 - 8.1 Elected Officials Remuneration
 - 8.2 Schedule for PMC Meetings
 - 8.3 Provincial Secretary's Work Plan
9. Closing Prayer and Conclusion.

CARRIED (201211-01)

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for its December 11, 2020 meeting.

CARRIED (201211-02)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (July 18, 2019 and December 3, 2020)

4.1 Approval of the Minutes

4.1.1 July 18, 2019 Provincial Métis Council Meeting

Related information: Draft Minutes of the July 18, 2019 Provincial Métis Council Meeting

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions in the draft minutes.

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

That the Minutes of the July 18, 2019 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (201211-03)

4.1.2 December 3, 2020 Provincial Métis Council Meeting

Related information: Draft Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Provincial Métis Council Meeting

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions in the draft minutes.

During discussion on the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), comments were offered on:

- Constitutional amendments approved at the prior MNLA which required ratification
- The General Assembly, which is convened by the MNLA each year (as per Article 11 of the *Constitution*).

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (201211-04)

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

No additional comments were offered.

5. RESOLUTIONS FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITIZENSHIP ACT AND ELECTIONS ACT

5.1 Citizenship Act

Related information:

- Chart titled, “Schedule “A” to Resolution # __ of the Provincial Métis Council – Proposed Amendments to the MN-S Citizenship Act, 1999”
- Resolution to Amend MN-S Citizenship Act

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, reviewed amendments proposed to the *MN-S Citizenship Act, 1999 (Citizenship Act)*.

During discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- Until a Tribunal is established, citizenship appeals can be considered by the MNLA
- The Registrar is bound to follow the *Citizenship Act* and the *Constitution of the MN-S*, and has a role and responsibility, separate from elected officials, to maintain transparency.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) has adopted the “*Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999*” to provide for a process of registering eligible persons as Métis citizens; and

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to amend the said *Act* to more accurately reflect the actual registration process, to protect the privacy rights of Métis citizens, and to preserve and enhance the Registry and in so doing to link the definition of Métis to the definition contained in the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (MN-S) rather than to membership in a Local and to provide for appeals to be made to the MNLA;

BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) recommend to the MNLA the adoption of the proposed amendments to the “*Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999*”, which are dated December 11, 2020 and set out in the attached Schedule “A”.

CARRIED (201211-05)

Regional Director Wendy Gervais voted in opposition

Request for Action

It was requested that staff incorporate any additional housekeeping updates needed to the “Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999”, including replacing references to “Membership” with “Citizenship” where appropriate (to be more conducive with the MN-S’ recognition as a Nation).

5.2 MN-S Elections Act, 2007

Related information:

- *Chart titled, “Schedule “A” to Resolution # __ of the Provincial Métis Council – Proposed Amendments to the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007”*
- *Resolution to Amend the “Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007”*

During a review of the proposed amendments to the “*Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*” (*Elections Act*), the following additional comments were offered:

- A Métis citizen who leaves the province to attend school, remains a resident of their community, and will not be excluded from voting
- The proposed *Elections Act* amendments reflect the directions of the November 23, 2019 MNLA resolution on “Proof of Citizenship of Voters” (introduced as Resolution #11-2019-7)
- A communications strategy will be developed in preparation for the upcoming MN-S election
- Section 12 of the *Elections Act* outlines evidence required to prove a citizen’s eligibility to register to vote.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) has adopted the “*Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*” to provide for a process of conducting the election of Executive Members and Regional Representatives to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), and;

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to amend the said Act to provide for the MNLA to fix the date of the election, to require persons who wish to vote or run for election to be registered Métis citizens, to provide protection for voters lists and voter information, and to extend the hours for voting to increase accessibility for Métis citizens to vote;

BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC recommend to the MNLA the adoption of the proposed amendments to the “*Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*”, which are provided and dated December 11, 2020, and set out in Schedule “A”.

CARRIED (201211-06)

Regional Director Wendy Gervais voted in opposition

10:50 a.m.

Brian Heinrichs and Jan Zaleschuk, Virtus Group, joined the meeting for consideration of Item 6.1.

6. 2019/2020 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6.1 Approval of the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements

Related information:

- *MN-S Secretariat Inc., Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, dated March 31, 2020*
- *Resolution to Approve the Audited Financial Statements*

Brian Heinrichs, Virtus Group, reviewed the financial statements of the MN-S Secretariat Inc. and offered the following additional comments:

- MN-S staff provided access to MN-S financial information to support completion of the audit process
- The accounting standards used by the MN-S will transition from Not-for-Profit Standards to Canadian Public Accounting Standards (consistent with other government offices)
- No contradictions to the financial statements, were reported.

In response to requests for clarification on the financial statements, it was noted that:

- Back to Batoche expenses in the financial statements reflect 2019 Back to Batoche events
- The amount shown under “Investments” relates to funding held under an agreement through Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) for scholarships (as per Note 3 of the financial statements)
- “Schedule 9 – Schedule of Child and Family Services” includes salaries allocated for staff time attributed to the Child and Family Services portfolio (up to March 31, 2020)
- The “Travel” section of “Schedule 2 – Schedule of Governance” includes costs for kilometric rates, flights, accommodations, conference attendance etc.; future financial statements could be clarified to include more specific “Travel” sub-sections.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft annual financial statements for the financial year 2020, dated March 31, 2020, including: the financial position as of March 31, 2020; the Statement of Operations for the year ending March 31, 2020, along with the notes appended thereto; and the Cash Flow Statement for the year ending March 31, 2020, as presented to the Provincial Métis Council on December 11, 2020, be hereby approved.

CARRIED (201211-07)

6.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2020/2021

Related information: Resolution to Appoint the Auditor

Appreciation was extended to Treasurer Earl Cook, the Finance Department, the Finance Committee, and the Auditors for their efforts and support in preparing the financial statements in a clear manner.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the appointment of Virtus Group L.L.P., Chartered Professional Accountants, as the auditors for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC recommend to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, to appoint Virtus Group as the Auditors for Métis Nation - Saskatchewan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

CARRIED (201211-08)

In response to a query, members of the Finance Committee and Human Resources Committee were recognized.

11:40 a.m.

Brian Heinrichs and Jan Zaleschuk, Virtus Group, departed the meeting.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Post-Secondary Education - Renewal

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “MN-S Post-Secondary Education Program”, dated December 9, 2020*
- *Resolution to Approve the Service Agreement for the Administration of the Post-Secondary Education Program by Gabriel Dumont Institute*

Earl Cook, Minister of Education and Early Learning, reviewed the proposed recommendation to extend the current Service Agreement with GDI, for administering and delivering student services.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- Supports available for students (including living allowances, travel to and from home, etc.)
- Providing supported access to post-secondary education (PSE) opportunities and minimizing youth addiction rates
- Collaboration between GDI’s Acting Director of Training and Employment and MN-S’ Senior Director of Policy and Research.

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan’s (MN-S) Post-Secondary Education Program (PSE Program) was created to support registered MN-S citizens to attend post-secondary institutions of their choice;

WHEREAS on August 1, 2019, the MN-S and Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI), an affiliate of MN-S, agreed to terms and conditions for the administration and delivery of the PSE Program over a two year term, expiring on March 31, 2021 (First Agreement);

WHEREAS the MN-S Ministry of Education has recommended to the PMC at this meeting on December 11, 2020, that the MN-S and GDI enter into an agreement for GDI to administer the PSE Program for an additional five-year term;

WHEREAS it is desirable for the PSE Program to be administered in alignment with MN-S post-secondary priorities as referenced in Article 2.1 in the First Agreement or as may otherwise be established by PMC;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of December 11, 2020, hereby confirms its approval of MN-S entering into a new Service Agreement with GDI for an additional five-year term to administer the PSE Program, without prejudice to any rights MN-S may have under the First Agreement or any other agreement between the MN-S and GDI;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new Service Agreement shall include terms substantially similar to those in the First Agreement and shall reflect MN-S post-secondary priorities as outlined in Article 2.1 of the First Agreement or as otherwise established by the PMC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new Service Agreement require that the PSE Program be administered according to PSE Program Guidelines developed in collaboration between GDI and MN-S technicians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the new Service Agreement, only registered Métis citizens or applicants who have applied to the MN-S registry to become registered Métis citizens, shall be eligible to access funding under the PSE Program.

CARRIED (201211-09)

PMC members were welcomed to contact Minister Cook directly with inquiries regarding specific PSE-related matters.

7.2 Housing – Emergency Repairs Program

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “MN-S Emergency Repairs and Renovation Program”, dated December 8, 2020*
- *Resolution to Approve Revised MN-S Emergency Repairs Program Guidelines and Budget Allocations*

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, reviewed the proposed recommendation to approve the revised “MN-S Emergency Repairs Program (ERP)” guidelines and budget allocations.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Funding available (through the ERP or other programs) for home repairs required by vulnerable citizens and people with disabilities
- Encouraging housing authorities to address the current lack of accessible housing to meet the needs of people with disabilities
- Revisions to program guidelines to address priority health and safety concerns (e.g. mold remediation, etc.), including a shorter application form and clarification on eligible repairs

- Tasking certified instructors to identify health and safety concerns and capital items to maintain a home's integrity
- Improvements and efficiencies proposed in the updated process, which will reduce delays
- Specifying a maximum annual household income of \$100,000, to accommodate families particularly in areas where the cost of living is higher.

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

WHEREAS the current Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Emergency Repairs and Renovation Program (the "ERRP") does not meet the definition of "core housing need" for reasons including *inter alia*:

- a) The current maximum household income to be eligible is \$150,000.00;
- b) The current maximum forgivable loan is currently at \$15,000.00; and
- c) Cosmetic renovations are currently acceptable expenses;

WHEREAS an adjudication panel currently reviews and recommends applications to the ERRP for approval;

WHEREAS revised guidelines that meet the definition of "core housing need" (the "New Guidelines") were submitted at this meeting on December 11, 2020, and have been recommended for the Provincial Métis Council's (PMC's) approval;

WHEREAS the ERRP 2019/20 fiscal year budget of \$2,875,000.00, representing \$2,500,000.00 for program funding and \$375,000.00 for administration has been fully expended;

WHEREAS a proposed four year budget of \$12,075,000.00 for fiscal years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24 (the "Four Year Budget") as part of a five year plan was presented at this meeting on December 11, 2020;

WHEREAS the aforementioned Four Year Budget, as submitted at this meeting, has been recommended for the PMC's approval;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby approves of the New Guidelines, as submitted at the December 11, 2020 PMC meeting, which shall include *inter alia* the following noted changes:

- a) The maximum household income to be eligible will be \$100,000.00;
- b) Grant amounts will be calculated on a case-by-case basis to address health and safety concerns, capital replacement items and senior adaptation;
- c) The revised Emergency Repair Program (ERP) will be administered under the MN-S immediately;
- d) The Adjudication Panel will no longer be utilized; and
- e) Backlogged files will be reviewed under the new program design;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC approves, substantially in the form presented at the December 11, 2020 PMC Meeting, the proposed Four Year Budget of \$12,075,000.00 in the following allocations:

- a) \$3,450,000.00 for fiscal year 2020/21, representing \$3,000,000.00 for program funding and \$450,000.00 for administration;
- b) \$2,875,000.00 for fiscal year 2021/22, representing \$2,500,000.00 for program funding and \$375,000.00 for administration;
- c) \$2,875,000.00 for fiscal year 2022/23, representing \$2,500,000.00 for program funding and \$375,000.00 for administration; and

- d) 2,875,000.00 for fiscal year 2023/24, representing \$2,500,000.00 for program funding and \$375,000.00 for administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the MN-S be and they hereby are authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all such documents as they deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this resolution.

CARRIED (201211-10)

7.3 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “Draft Federal Legislation on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”, dated December 8, 2020*
- *Resolution to Approve a Preliminary Response to Draft UNDRIP Legislation*

Vice President Morin reviewed the proposed recommendation to approve a preliminary response to the draft UNDRIP legislation.

It was MOVED (Penny Hurton) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS in 2016, Canada announced its full support of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP);

WHEREAS on September 29, 2020, Canada presented to the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) proposed draft legislation to fully implement UNDRIP into Canadian law (Draft Legislation);

WHEREAS the MN-S had a limited window to review, consider and respond to the Draft Legislation;

WHEREAS the federal government introduced the Draft Legislation into the House of Commons on December 3, 2020;

WHEREAS MN-S technicians submitted a preliminary response to the Draft Legislation on or about October 30, 2020, under the express caveat that the aforesaid response was subject to the approval and direction of the PMC and feedback obtained through citizen engagement (Preliminary Response);

WHEREAS on account of COVID-19 restrictions, virtual feedback and information sessions were held with citizens on November 7 and 9, 2020;

WHEREAS MN-S administration presented the Preliminary Response to the PMC for its review and approval at this meeting of December 11, 2020;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby approves and endorses the Preliminary Response presented for the PMC’s review and approval at this meeting of December 11, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC shall recommend to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) the Preliminary Response for approval and endorsement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the MNLA, a final draft of the Preliminary Response be submitted to Canada.

CARRIED (201211-11)

7.4 Early Learning and Child Care

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “Education – Early Learning and Child Care”, dated December 9, 2020*
- *Resolution to Approve a Land Purchase for the Métis Early Learning Centre of Excellence*

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Childcare / Child and Family Services, reviewed the proposed resolution to purchase land to create a Métis Early Learning Centre of Excellence.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on funding available in the master agreement for early learning spaces (including two programs in the north, two programs in central Saskatchewan and two programs in the south).

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

WHEREAS Métis children can expect to learn in a high-quality early learning environment, and parents of Métis children can expect to leave their children in a safe, caring and culturally affirming childcare centre while they attend work or school;

WHEREAS the establishment of a Métis Early Learning Centre of Excellence (Centre of Excellence) will provide a strong cultural identity guided by the voice of Métis Elders and Language Keepers;

WHEREAS the Sub-Accord of the Early Learning and Child Care agreement allows for the establishment of such centres;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) has identified 0.9 acres of land located one block east of the Gabriel Dumont Institute at the corner of 22nd Street and Avenue H North (the Land) as a suitable site for a Center of Excellence;

WHEREAS the Ministry of ELCC has recommended to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) that the Land be purchased as the site of the Centre of Excellence at this meeting of December 11, 2020, subject to satisfactory completion of all necessary due diligence inquiries;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby approves of the purchase of the land located at the corner of 22nd Street and Avenue H North as presented to the PMC on December 11, 2020, as the future site of the Centre for Excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned approval by PMC is conditional upon the satisfactory completion of an environmental assessment and any due diligence measures necessary to ensure the land is suitable for its intended purpose.

CARRIED (201211-12)

7.5 Health – Mental Health and Addictions Feasibility Study

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “Cedar Lodge Due Diligence and Planning Budget Request”, dated December 9, 2020*
- *Resolution to Support the Exploration and Evaluation of Cedar Lodge for a Mental Health and Addictions Healing Infrastructure*

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, and Matt Vermette, Consultant, reviewed the proposed resolution to support the exploration and evaluation of Cedar Lodge, for a mental health and addictions healing centre.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- The suitability of Cedar Lodge as a land-based cultural healing facility, and as an asset to be held by Muskwa Development Corporation (the MN-S' economic development office)
- Other land-based healing models and facilities considered, including "Recovery Lake"
- Expanding relationships with First Nations by offering access to wellness and healing services
- Seeking approval for "due diligence" planning, to inspect the validity of Cedar Lodge as an investment for the MN-S; stimulus funding could be subsequently pursued in 2021.

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) is supportive of enhancing Métis citizens' access to addictions and land-based healing facilities that are grounded in Métis culture and the Michif language;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Ministry of Health, Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI), and Muskwa Development Corporation (Muskwa Development) have identified certain lands and facilities located on Blackstrap Lake that would be suitable for the aforementioned purposes (Cedar Lodge);

WHEREAS the PMC is supportive of MN-S Ministry of Health, MACSI and Muskwa Development working together to acquire Cedar Lodge and develop a land-based mental health and addiction healing centre;

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of MN-S, that Muskwa Development, MN-S Ministry of Health, and MACSI adequately explore and evaluate Cedar Lodge and conduct all necessary due diligence inquiries to ensure that Cedar Lodge can fulfill its intended purpose as a land-based mental health and addiction healing centre as presented at this meeting, on December 11, 2020, and;

WHEREAS a due diligence planning budget of \$355,000.00 was presented at this meeting on December 11, 2020, and has been recommended for approval by the MN-S Minister of Health;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves of all due diligence inquiries presented at this meeting on December 11, 2020, in order to evaluate Cedar Lodge and its suitability for development as a land-based healing centre at the facility, prior to any subsequent acquisition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC approves, substantially in the form presented at this meeting on December 11, 2020, the proposed \$355,000.00 due diligence planning budget.

CARRIED (201211-13)

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.3 Provincial Secretary's Work Plan

Secretary Lisa McCallum requested support and approval for the Provincial Secretary's work plan and budget. During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- The importance of the PMC receiving the Provincial Secretary's work plan and budget to review, before considering an informed decision
- Efforts needed to address the impacts of trauma on citizens and communities
- Benefits of preparing a job description for the Provincial Secretary's role
- Potentially revisiting discussion on the Provincial Secretary's work plan and budget in early 2021.

8.2 Schedule of PMC Meetings

Related information: Resolution to Establish a Calendar Schedule of PMC Meetings

Dorothy Myo reviewed the resolution proposing to establish a calendar schedule of PMC meetings, to be held the third Tuesday of each month beginning on January 19, 2021.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Benefits of holding frequent PMC meetings, including enabling departments to respond promptly to matters as they arise
- Sufficient time required to prepare and review materials in advance of PMC meetings
- The *Constitution* (Article 3) which indicates the PMC will meet at least once every two months
- PMC members' commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of PMC meeting materials.

It was MOVED (Penny Hurton) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

WHEREAS a calendar schedule of Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meetings would promote efficient planning and preparation, so that PMC members have an appropriate amount of time to review meeting materials and decision items;

WHEREAS a calendar schedule will provide Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) administration with advance notice of PMC meetings, making it easier for administration to ensure that PMC members have access to meeting materials, and decision items can be distributed to PMC members in advance of PMC meetings; and

WHEREAS all decision items and supporting materials distributed in advance of PMC meetings are distributed for internal purposes and are intended only for members of PMC and those members of MN-S administration whose presence is required;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby confirms that PMC meetings shall be held every third Tuesday of each month to conduct MN-S government business and to make decisions relating to the government of the MN-S; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all PMC meeting materials and decision items distributed to members of the PMC and MN-S administration shall be protected by the rule of confidentiality, in order to uphold the principle of Métis government solidarity.

CARRIED (201211-14)

9. CONCLUSION

It was confirmed that the next PMC meeting was scheduled January 19, 2021, and that meeting materials would be provided two to three days in advance of the meeting.

A Closing Prayer was offered by Elder Norman Fleury.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the December 11, 2020 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting now conclude, for an in-camera discussion.

CARRIED (201211-15)

(Time: 2:30 p.m.)

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CST	Central Standard Time
ELCC	Early Learning and Child Care
ERP	Emergency Repair Program
ERRP	Emergency Repair and Renovation Program
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
MACSI	Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PSE	Post-Secondary Education
UNDRIP	United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the December 11, 2020 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting scheduled December 11, 2020
2. DRAFT Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held July 18, 2019
3. DRAFT Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held December 3, 2020
4. Chart titled, "Schedule "A" to Resolution # ___ of the Provincial Métis Council - Proposed Amendments to the MN-S Citizenship Act, 1999"
5. Resolution to Amend MN-S Citizenship Act
6. Chart titled, "Schedule "A" to Resolution # ___ of the Provincial Métis Council - Proposed Amendments to the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007"
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20. Resolution to Establish a Calendar Schedule for PMC Meetings