



**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](mailto: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"
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## **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