



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

*held April 25, 2023*

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

**PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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

**ABSENT:**

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

**ELDER:**

Elder Norman Fleury

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

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

**MN-S OFFICE:**

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

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA VARIED**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

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

**CARRIED (230425-01)**

**5. OPENING REMARKS**

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

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

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

**6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-02)**

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-03)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10:00 a.m.**

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

**9. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR C-92 CONSULTATIONS**

*Related information (provided with the agenda):*

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

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

**10:10 a.m.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED (230425-04)**

**Health Break**

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

**10. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS**

**10.1 Appointment of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker**

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-05)**

## **10.2 Appointment of the Minute Taker**

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

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-06)**

## **10.3 Order of the Day – Adoption of the Agenda**

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

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

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

### ***Request for Action (RFA-230425-01)***

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

### ***Request for Action (RFA-230425-02)***

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

### ***Request for Action (RFA-230425-03)***

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

### ***Request for Action (RFA-230425-04)***

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

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

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

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

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

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

**I. DIALOGUE FORUMS – MAY 26, 2023**

**II. MNLA DAY ONE – MAY 27, 2023**

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

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

### **III. MNLA DAY TWO – May 28, 2023**

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-07)**

#### **10.4 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-08)**

**Health Break**

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

**11. MINISTERIAL / DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING NOTE**

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

This item was provided for information.

**1:25 p.m.**

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

**Request for Action (RFA-230425-05)**

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

**12. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS**

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

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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



1:55 p.m.

Karen LaRocque, CEO, LFDM, joined the meeting.

**Request for Action (RFA-230425-06)**

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

**Health Break**

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

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.2 Status of Métis Women**

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

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

During discussion, comments were offered on:

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

**Request for Action (RFA-230425-07)**

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

**IN-CAMERA**

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

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230425-09)**

**CONCLUSION**

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

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## **LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

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

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:*

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