



**MÉTIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held October 28, 2025

Minutes of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held October 28, 2025, by videoconference.

PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL:

Present:

Glen McCallum, President
Michelle LeClair, Vice President
Marlene Hansen, Secretary
Jeremy Denomie, Treasurer
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
(departed by 1:05 p.m.)
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Beverly Fullerton, Western Region 2A
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Rachael Heiser, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
(arrived at 1:05 p.m.)
Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madelaine
Darcy Lepowick, Eastern Region 2A
Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

Absent:

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury
Elder Caroline Laliberte
Merrilee Rasmussen, Legal Counsel

Curt Wagner, MNP LLP (Items 7 and 8.1)
Celine Elian, MNP LLP (Item 7 and 8.1)
Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary

MN-S OFFICE: *(additional MN-S representatives attended as "Observers")*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Matthew Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Self-Government
Hilary Peterson, Senior General Counsel / Head Legal Officer
Echo Qin, Director of Finance
Heather Hallgrimson, Acting Cabinet and Legislative Services Manager - Policy and Self Determination
Gerald Morin, Governance Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Glen McCallum, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYERS

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayers.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information: Draft Agenda for the October 28, 2025, MN-S PMC Meeting

Members were reminded of the process for submitting items for inclusion on the meeting agenda.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Beverly Fullerton)

That the Agenda for the October 28, 2025, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayers - Lii Vyeu Moond (the “Old Ones”)
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks - President Glen McCallum
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:
 - 6.1 Appointing the Recording Secretary
 - 6.2 Review and Approval of the August 19, 2025, PMC Minutes
7. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements
 - 8.2 Auditor for 2025/2026
 - 8.3 Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, and Sport
 - 8.4 Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* preamble to support transition from provincial non-profit to self-government
 - 8.5 Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for a Métis dispute resolution system
 - 8.6 Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for provincial election for women and youth representative to PMC
 - 8.7 Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to clarify General Assembly articles
 - 8.8 General clean-up for *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
 - 8.9 Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for provisions relating to the Executive
 - 8.10 Setting the Order of the Day for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA
 - 8.11 Appointing Dumont’s Scouts for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA
 - 8.12 Métis Creation
9. Finance Update
10. In-Camera
11. Closing Prayers - Lii Vyeu Moond (the “Old Ones”).

CARRIED (251028-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

President McCallum welcomed attendees and commented on the importance of working cooperatively toward common goals on behalf of MN-S citizens.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Rachael Heiser)

That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following items included on the Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Diane Parsons as Recording Secretary for the October 28, 2025, PMC Meeting; and
- Approval of the August 19, 2025, PMC Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (251028-02)

7. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- MN-S Secretariat Inc. Draft Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2025
- MN-S Secretariat Inc. 2025 Audit Findings Letter, Draft Report to the Provincial Métis Council, March 31, 2025
- Draft Resolution, "Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending March 31, 2025"

Celine Elian and Curt Wagner, MNP LLP, reviewed the draft financial documents and audit report. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Ensuring that language used by auditors reflects the MN-S government's distinctions-based focus, planning and delivery systems
- The materiality figure of \$5.5 million, which was based on 3.5% of gross revenues; samplings were taken randomly from expenses of any dollar amount
- The nature of annual funding for Les Filles de Madelaine, which would not carry forward to a subsequent fiscal year if unspent.

Change in Chair

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, assumed the Chair at 10:20 a.m.

- Opportunities for PMC members to access finance workshops provided by the Ministry of Finance, to ask questions in a less formal setting
- The Auditor's management letter to senior staff, which reflected operational suggestions not requiring PMC consideration, and was not typically shared with governance bodies.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on, "2024-25 Audited Financial Statements"

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Transactions with the Northern Research Group Inc. (NRG), referenced in Notes 10 and 11 of the Audited Financial Statements
- Ownership of NRG by MN-S as of April 1, 2024.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Darcy Lepowick)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Lii Vyeu Moond (the

“Old Ones” or “Elders”), Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the MN-S is committed to promoting transparency and integrity in all aspects of government operations, including prudent and accountable use of MN-S funds;

WHEREAS at their workshop on October 24, 2025, the PMC reviewed the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2025, and the statements were presented to PMC at their duly convened meeting on October 28, 2025;

WHEREAS Section 5(b) of the *Bylaws of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.* states that “The MNLA shall approve the financial statements upon the recommendations of the directors”;

WHEREAS Article 14 (A)(3) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* confirms that the Board of Directors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. is the PMC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves the draft audited financial statements of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ending March 31, 2025, which includes Statements of Financial Position, Operations, and Cash Flows, and accompanying notes and schedules;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC authorizes the President and the Minister of Finance of the MN-S, to sign the Statement of Financial Position upon the approval of this resolution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC directs that the audited Financial Statements be presented to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly for ratification at its next sitting.

CARRIED (251028-03)

8.2 Auditor for 2025/2026

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on, “Auditor for 2025/2026”

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS Article 14 (A)(3) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* confirms that the Board of Directors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat is the Provincial Métis Council (PMC); and

WHEREAS the PMC has accepted the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ending March 31, 2025, completed by MNP LLP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC within their authority as the Board of Directors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., approves the appointment of MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, to be the auditors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the fiscal year 2025-2026, ending March 31, 2026.

CARRIED (251028-04)

8.3 Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, and Sport

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on, “Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, and Sport”

During discussion, a friendly amendment to the motion was accepted to note the date of the next Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) confer upon the President the mandate to assign ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* further mandates that the assignment of ministerial portfolios is restricted to members of the MNLA; and

WHEREAS on October 14, 2025, the President appointed Brent Digness (Eastern Region 2) as Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, and Sport;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approve the appointment of Brent Digness as Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, and Sport, effective October 28, 2025 and that this appointment be presented to the MNLA for ratification at its next sitting, scheduled for November 21–23, 2025.

CARRIED (251028-05)

Meal Break

Elder Caroline Laliberte and Elder Norman Fleury provided Blessings for the meal. The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

8.4 Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Preamble to Support Transition from Provincial Non-Profit to Self-Government

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan preamble to support transition from provincial non-profit to self-government”

During discussion, friendly amendments to the proposed preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* contained in Annex A to the motion were accepted to:

- Define “Otipemisiwak” as “the people who own themselves”
- Acknowledge:
 - o Distinctive Métis identity, culture, values, and language
 - o Additional legislation enacted since 1993
 - o The importance of including youth
 - o Sexual orientation, and gender identity.

It was MOVED (Brent Digness) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”), Elders, Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the MN-S is the government of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan that is rooted in distinctiveness, including identity, culture, values and language;

WHEREAS the inherent right of the Métis to self-government is affirmed in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and further recognized through the *Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (2019)* and the *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement (2023)*;

WHEREAS the adoption of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) in 1993 marked a foundational assertion of Métis rights self-determination, and remains a living document that must evolve to reflect the Nation’s progress;

WHEREAS in April 2024, the PMC passed a resolution (Resolution #240417-02) that supported proceeding with five constitutional amendment priorities which included adding language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights to the preamble of the *Constitution*;

WHEREAS Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders, met on March 1, 2024, to provide guidance and insights into revisions to the preamble of the *Constitution* and later met on May 10, 2024, to review the proposed amendments, offering their full support of the revisions;

WHEREAS the amended preamble reflects the Nation’s rightful place as a government and aligns with the principles, agreements, and aspirations of the MN-S;

WHEREAS the PMC passed a resolution (Resolution #241015-08) at their duly convened meeting on October 15, 2024, supporting the amendments to the preamble of the *Constitution* included in Annex A;

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the “*MNLA Act*”) requires that constitutional amendments be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the MNLA, ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days’ notice of the MNLA is provided;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *MNLA Act*, the constitutional amendments for the preamble were included in the Order of the Day for the November 2024 MNLA, but were not considered by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS the PMC continues to support the constitutional amendments to the preamble included as Annex A and desires that they should again be brought to MNLA for approval and to a General Assembly for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC supports amendments to the preamble of the *Constitution* for the addition of language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights as set out in Annex A; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the proposed amendments be included in the Order of the Day for the next sitting of the MNLA, in accordance with the procedural requirements of the *MNLA Act* and recommends that the amendments be ratified at a future General Assembly to be called by the MNLA.

CARRIED (251028-06)

Annex A to Resolution 251028-06 is attached to these minutes as Appendix #1

8.5 Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for a Métis Dispute Resolution System

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for a Métis dispute resolution system”

During discussion, friendly amendments to the proposed motion and Annex were accepted to affirm MN-S authority and jurisdiction to “create systems for administration of justice” rather than “courts”.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”), Elders, Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS in April 2024, the PMC adopted Resolution #240417-02, which supported proceeding with five constitutional amendment priorities including the entrenchment of the Métis Judiciary within the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”);

WHEREAS a dispute resolutions system is essential to ensure that the legislation enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) can be properly enforced, and the PMC and MNLA, have directed the development of a mechanism to ensure fair, impartial and independent hearing of matters of non-compliance pertaining to MN-S legislation (PMC Resolution #160729-07 and MNLA Resolution #MNLA190414-12);

WHEREAS, without its own dispute resolution system, the MN-S government must rely on colonial courts to decide on matters arising under its own legislation, where remedies are often punitive, adversarial, and not aligned with Métis distinction;

WHEREAS embedding the authority to create dispute resolution systems within the *Constitution* is an act of self-determination, reinforcing the MN-S’s authority to legislate and uphold its own laws through a justice system that reflects Métis distinction and restorative principles;

WHEREAS the PMC acknowledges that this constitutional entrenchment of the Métis Judiciary is an important step toward the development of a distinct Métis dispute resolution system to address matters pertaining to the *Constitution*, MN-S legislation and disputes between Métis individuals;

WHEREAS the PMC passed Resolution #241015-10 at their duly convened meeting on October 15, 2024, supporting constitutional amendments which affirmed MN-S’s authority and jurisdiction to create courts, tribunals, or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes related to the *Constitution*, MN-S legislation or between Métis individuals, as outlined in Annex A;

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the “*MNLA Act*”) requires constitutional amendments to be supported either by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the MNLA, and that such amendments be filed at least 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days where 30 days’ notice of the MNLA has been provided; and

WHEREAS the PMC continues to support the proposed constitutional amendments set out in Annex A, and seeks to bring them forward again for MNLA approval and subsequent ratification by the General Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC supports the proposed constitutional amendments affirming MN-S's authority and jurisdiction to create systems for the administration of justice, tribunals, or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes related to the *Constitution*, MN-S legislation, or between Métis individuals as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the proposed amendments be included in the Order of the Day for the next sitting of the MNLA, in accordance with the procedural requirements of the *MNLA Act*, and recommends that the amendments be ratified at a future General Assembly to be called by the MNLA.

CARRIED (251028-07)

Annex A to Resolution 251028-07 is attached to these minutes as Appendix #2

8.6 Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for Provincial Election for Women and Youth Representative to PMC

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for provincial election for women and youth representative to PMC”

During discussion, comments were offered regarding friendly amendments to the proposed motion that were not accepted by the Seconder, and the following motion was tabled:

“WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of knowledge keepers, kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”), Elders, Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS in April 2024, the PMC passed a resolution that supported proceeding with 5 constitutional amendment priorities which included the election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the provincial Métis Nation – Saskatchewan general election every four years within the Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (Constitution) (PMC 240417-02);

WHEREAS in 2021, the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) supported establishing province-wide ballot box elections for women and youth representatives and referred the item to the constitutional reform process (MNLA 211128-02);

WHEREAS the preamble to the Constitution confirms that every Métis person has the right to “take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly through freely chosen representatives”, and the inclusion of women and youth on the MN-S general election ballot ensures that these voices are not only heard but empowered through democratic mandate;

WHEREAS the PMC passed a resolution at their duly convened meeting on October 15, 2024, which supported the amendments to the Constitution for the election of provincial representatives for women and youth to the PMC in the provincial MN-S election every 4 years included as Annex A (PMC 241015-09);

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act, 1999 (MNLA Act) requires constitutional amendments be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of 5 members of the

MNLA, ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days' notice of the MNLA is provided;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the MNLA Act, the constitutional amendments for the election of provincial representatives for women and youth to the PMC in the provincial MN-S election every 4 years was included in the Order of the Day for the November 2024 MNLA, but was not considered by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS the PMC continues to support the constitutional amendments included as Annex A and desires that they should again be brought to the MNLA for approval and to a General Assembly for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports the resolution and amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan in order to provide for the election of women and youth representatives to the Provincial Métis Council in the provincial Métis Nation – Saskatchewan general election every four years set out in Annex A attached to this resolution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the PMC directs that the proposed amendments be included in the Order of the Day for the next sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the procedural requirements of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act, 1999 and recommends that the amendments be ratified at a future General Assembly to be called by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.”

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

8.7 Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to Clarify General Assembly Articles

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to clarify General Assembly articles”

It was MOVED (Beverly Fullerton) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”), Elders, Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS in April 2024, the PMC passed Resolution #240417-02, which supported proceeding with five priorities for constitutional amendments which included changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age;

WHEREAS, currently, the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “Constitution”) Article 11 – General Assembly does not clearly outline who can vote at a General Assembly;

WHEREAS the PMC passed Resolution #241015-11 at their duly convened meeting on October 15, 2024, supporting constitutional amendments for changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S Citizens of voting age included as Annex A;

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the “MNLA Act”) requires constitutional amendments be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five

members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days' notice of the MNLA is provided;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *MNLA Act*, the constitutional amendments were included in the Order of the Day for the November 2024 MNLA, but were not considered by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS the PMC continues to support the constitutional amendments for changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age included as Annex A and desires that they should again be brought to MNLA for approval and to a General Assembly for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC supports the resolution and amendments to the *Constitution* for changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age set out in Annex A attached to this resolution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the proposed amendments be included in the Order of the Day for the next sitting of the MNLA, in accordance with the procedural requirements of the *MNLA Act* and recommends that the amendments be ratified at a future General Assembly to be called by the MNLA.

CARRIED (251028-08)

Annex A to Resolution 251028-08 is attached to these minutes as Appendix #3

8.8 General Clean-Up for *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “General clean-up for Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”

A friendly amendment to replace the word “organization” with “structure” was accepted.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”), Elders, Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) has undergone multiple amendments over time, resulting in fragmented updates that now require a comprehensive review to improve the structure, clarity, and coherence of the document as a whole;

WHEREAS in April 2024, the PMC passed Resolution #240417-02, which supported proceeding with five constitutional amendment priorities which included general clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details);

WHEREAS a well-structured, clearly articulated, and internally consistent *Constitution* is essential to the integrity of Métis self-government;

WHEREAS the proposed clean-up amendments included as Annex A do not alter the substantive rights or powers within the *Constitution*, but rather enhance its readability and accessibility;

WHEREAS the PMC passed Resolution #241015-12 at their duly convened meeting on October 15, 2024, supporting the constitutional amendments for general clean-up included in Annex A;

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act, 1999 (the “MNLA Act”)* requires constitutional amendments be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days’ notice of the MNLA is provided;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *MNLA Act*, the constitutional amendments for general clean-up were included in the Order of the Day for the November 2024 MNLA, but was not considered by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS the PMC continues to support constitutional amendments for general clean-up included as Annex A and desires that they should again be brought to MNLA for approval and to a General Assembly for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC supports the resolution and amendments to the *Constitution* for general clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details) set out in Annex A attached to this resolution;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the proposed amendments be included in the Order of the Day for the next sitting of the MNLA, in accordance with the procedural requirements of the *MNLA Act* and recommends that the amendments be ratified at a future General Assembly to be called by the MNLA.

CARRIED (251028-09)

Annex A to Resolution 251028-09 is attached to these minutes as Appendix #4

8.9 Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for Provisions Relating to the Executive

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for provisions relating to the Executive”

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

8.10 Setting the Order of the Day for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Setting the Order of the Day for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA”

It was agreed that the following items would be included in the Order of the Day:

- State of the Nation Address from President McCallum
- Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios
- Marshalls Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Brennan Merasty)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones” or Elders), Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS Article 3-10 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* authorizes the PMC to set the date and place for each sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the PMC, at its duly held meeting on June 25, 2025, resolved to hold an MNLA on November 21-23, 2025, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (PMC Resolution #250625-11);

WHEREAS Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the “MNLA Act”) as amended, direct the Clerk of the MNLA, as defined in Article 2.4 of the *MNLA 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 the Clerk has prepared the following proposed agenda for the MNLA to be held on November 21-23, 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approves the agenda for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA as proposed by the Clerk, who will compile all necessary documentation for inclusion in the Order of the Day:

DIALOGUE FORUMS - November 21, 2025

MNLA DAY 1 – November 22, 2025

- Grand Entry:
 - o Fiddler - Dean Smith
 - o Opening Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders
 - o Métis Anthem - Loretta King, Western Region 1
 - o O Canada Anthem – Recording
- State of the Nation – President Glen McCallum
- CEO Address – Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates- Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Motions:
 - o Adoption of the Order of the Day
 - o Proposed Consent Agenda Items:
 - Adoption of the Minute Taker
 - Reading of the Record of Decisions of the September 5-7, 2025, MNLA Minutes
 - Adoption of the September 5-7, 2025, MNLA Minutes
 - Business Arising from the September 5-7, 2025, MNLA Minutes
 - Acceptance of all Reports - Executive, Regional, Ministerial and Affiliates
 - Appointment of the Dumont’s Scouts
- Presentation – 2024/2025 Audited Financial Statements
- Motion:
 - o 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements
- Parks Canada Open Door Agreement Renewal Signing
- Constitutional Reform Presentation
- Motion:
 - o Amending the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* preamble to support transition from provincial non-profit to self-government
 - o Amending the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to include the Métis Judiciary
 - o Amending the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to include the provincial election of women and youth representatives to the PMC during general elections

MNLA DAY 2 – November 23, 2025

- Opening Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates- Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Motions:
 - o Amending the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to clarify General Assembly articles
 - o Amending the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to include provisions relating to the Executive
 - o Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios
- Marshalls Memorandum of Understanding Signing
- Technical Panel Introduction - Matthew Vermette, COO
- Technical Panels:
 - o Child and Family Services
 - o Housing and Homelessness
 - o Health & Mental Health and Addictions
 - o Education
- Closing Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders
- Conclusion.

CARRIED (251028-10)

8.11 Appointing Dumont’s Scouts for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Appointing Dumont’s Scouts for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA”

During discussion, comments were offered on recruiting women and youth representatives as Dumont’s Scouts for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA.

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kih̓t̓y̓ak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones” or Elders), Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS Article 8 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999*, directs the PMC to appoint Dumont's Scouts to maintain order and procedure during the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the MNLA is scheduled to be held on November 21-23, 2025, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, as per PMC Resolution #250625-11;

WHEREAS the role of Dumont's Scouts, named in honour of historical peacemakers, is essential to ensuring the orderly conduct of the MNLA proceedings;

WHEREAS the PMC has identified individuals who are capable and committed to fulfilling the responsibilities of Dumont's Scouts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC appoints the following individuals as Dumont's Scouts for the MNLA to be held on November 21-23, 2025: John Belanger, Rick McKay and Dave Arnott.

CARRIED (251028-11)

8.12 Métis Creation

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution, “Métis Creation”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Building on the previously-approved Métis Distinction resolution to strengthen the Métis Nation’s presence and story in Saskatchewan, nationally, and globally
- Friendly amendments to include examples of historically-significant communities
- Facilitating continued discussion regarding next steps, including determining the financial and capacity implications of the resolution.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values, and language – inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”), Elders, Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the MN-S Government (through MNLA Resolution #MNLA250907-03) formally affirmed Métis distinction – being identity, culture, values, and language and committed to various initiatives that deepen understanding of the Métis footprint in Saskatchewan, including the recognition of historic Métis communities;

WHEREAS the creation story of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan must be accurately told and solidified, recognizing the central role of communities such as Île-à-la-Crosse and Cumberland House, whose histories predate the prominence of Red River or Manitoba as focal points of Métis history;

WHEREAS Métis settlements in Saskatchewan including Wood Mountain-Willow Bunch, St. Laurent, St. Isadore de Belleville, and Batoche, added to the pre-existing historic communities within Saskatchewan, weaving the threads of Métis distinction into a vibrant tapestry; and

WHEREAS the PMC recognizes the storytelling is central to Métis culture, and that the origin stories of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan are vital to its collective identity and must be adequately researched and preserved for future generations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs the MN-S to undertake the following:

- Commission and support research into the origins of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, including but not limited to Île-à-la-Crosse, Cumberland House, the Village of Lebreton, Qu’Appelle Valley Road Allowance Communities, Souris Valley Road Allowance Communities, Crescent Lake, Round Prairie and other historically significant communities, in collaboration with academic institutions such as the University of Saskatchewan;
- Engage with Lii Vyeu Moond, Kihitêyak, the Old Ones, Knowledge Keepers, and youth to ensure cultural alignment and intergenerational continuity in the telling of the Nation’s creation story;
- Develop educational materials and public communications that reflect this understanding of Métis origins, to inform future governance, jurisdictional assertions, and national identity.

CARRIED (251028-12)

9. FINANCE UPDATE

Due to time constraints, this item was not considered.

10. IN-CAMERA

Due to time constraints, this item was not considered.

11. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair)

That the October 28, 2025, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (251028-13)

Time: 4:30 p.m.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were referenced or presented for consideration at the meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the October 28, 2025, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the August 19, 2025, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. MN-S Secretariat Inc. Draft Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2025
4. MN-S Secretariat Inc. 2025 Audit Findings Letter, Draft Report to the Provincial Métis Council, March 31, 2025
5. Resolution titled, “Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending March 31, 2025”
6. Resolution titled, “Auditor for 2025/2026”
7. Resolution titled, “Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, and Sport”
8. Resolution titled, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* preamble to support transition from provincial non-profit to self-government”
9. Resolution titled, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for a Métis dispute resolution system”
10. Resolution titled, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for provincial election for women and youth representative to PMC”
11. Resolution titled, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to clarify General Assembly articles”
12. Resolution titled, “General clean-up for *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*”
13. Resolution titled, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for provisions relating to the Executive”
14. Resolution titled, “Setting the Order of the Day for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA”
15. Resolution titled, “Appointing Dumont’s Scouts for the November 21-23, 2025, MNLA”
16. Resolution titled, “Métis Creation”

LIST OF APPENDICES

The following items are referenced in these minutes and are attached for information:

- **Appendix #1:** Annex A to Resolution #251028-06, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* preamble to support transition from provincial non-profit to self-government”
- **Appendix #2:** Annex A to Resolution #251028-07, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for a Métis dispute resolution system”
- **Appendix #3:** Annex A to Resolution #251028-08, “Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to Clarify General Assembly Articles”
- **Appendix #4:** Annex A to Resolution #251028-09, “General Clean-Up for *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*”

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
NRG	Northern Research Group Inc.
PMC	Provincial Métis Council

APPENDIX #1: Annex A to Resolution #251028-06, “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation Saskatchewan preamble to support transition from provincial non-profit to self-government”

The preamble to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitution is deleted and replaced with the following:

The Métis Nation is a distinct Indigenous people with distinctive Métis identity, culture, values, and language. The Métis are distinct from Indians and Inuit pursuant to Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and are the descendants of the historic Métis who evolved in what is now Western Canada and part of the northern United States as a people with a common political will, consciousness, and history.

We the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan:

Affirm that the values of waahkoomiwayhk / wâhkôhtowin / ëtëlot'inë / ma paraantii / wâhkôhtowin (“kinship and connectedness to each other”), shakihiwayhk / sâkihitowin / bëghāhonëṭā hëṭ / aamoor / sâkihitowin (“love”) and aen manaachihitowin / manâcihitowin / asië nuhënärë hëtië bëk'ësoridli - ëghëdaláda nëṣṣ há / rispay / manâcihitowin - (“respect for all things/working in a good way”) are central values of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;

Recognize kaa tipaymishooyaahk (“we who own ourselves”) / otipemisiwak (“the people who own themselves”) / dënë bëdagharì (“The people own themselves”) onn praanswaen dezootes mwoin (“own ourselves”) / otipemisiwak (“our own boss”)

That the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan is its own boss. This is a fundamental principle of Métis identity with deep historical roots. The Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has the existing inherent right to self-determination and has been governing itself for generations through the laws of the Prairie including the laws of St. Laurent, the laws of the Buffalo Hunt, the Manitoba Act proposed by the Riel Provisional Government and Louis Riel, the first premier of the province of Manitoba, all of the legislation enacted by the MNLA since 1993, and bylaws and constitutions for Métis representative organizations in Saskatchewan;

Affirm that the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan’s self-determination, including its authority to govern itself is recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement between Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, dated February 23, 2023 and the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Canada dated June 27, 2019;

Affirm the Daniels decision in which Métis fall within subsection 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867, and the bilateral government to government relationship between the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan and the federal government of Canada;

Affirm that Elders are our Knowledge Keepers and serve as the voice to carry our history, and children and youth are our future. The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan will hold children and youth at the centre.

Having experienced physical and political conflict and dispossession in the late 1800's we are still engaged in a continuing struggle to rebuild our social cause and revive our cultural heritage and pride.

As such, we are striving for the political, legal and constitutional recognition and guarantees of the rights of our People, including the right to a land and resource base, self-government and self-government institutions through Treaty, land claims and all other measures necessary.

In order to achieve these objectives, we re-established a strong and revitalized government within the province of Saskatchewan involving all sectors within our society and will continue this process through self-government.

While pursuing these objectives within Saskatchewan, we are also committed to cooperating with the members of the Métis Nation in the rest of the Métis Homeland in order to develop a National Forum to represent our collective interests at the national and international levels.

Whereas section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 recognizes and affirms Métis as one of the three Aboriginal peoples of Canada and whereas the Métis Nation — Saskatchewan has adopted the national definition of Métis, we are further committed to promote National Registration of Métis Citizens.

We the citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan recognize:

The inherent dignity and equality and rights that can never be taken away from Métis people is the foundation of Freedom, Justice and Peace in the Métis Nation.

The ideal of all Métis enjoying civil and political freedom can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby every Métis may enjoy their civil, political rights, economic, social and cultural rights.

The promotion of universal respect for and observance of all the collective and individual rights and freedoms of all Métis.

The Métis individual, having duties to other Métis individuals and to the Métis community to which they are a part has the responsibility to strive for the promotion and observance of all Métis rights.

Therefore, we the citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan agree to the following articles:

1. All Métis have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right we the citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development;
2. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan undertakes to respect and ensure the rights of all individuals within the nation and subject to its jurisdiction without distinction of any kind such as race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, language, religion, political or other opinions;
3. To ensure that any Métis person whose rights or freedoms as herein recognized is entitled to be heard by a competent authority of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan as provided for by law;
4. To ensure competent authorities as authorized pursuant to laws enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall enforce such remedies when granted;
5. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan undertakes to ensure the equal right of persons to enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles;
6. Every Métis citizen shall have the right to liberty of movement to choose their residence;
7. No Métis citizen shall be deprived of the right to join a local in the community where they reside;
8. All Métis persons shall be equal before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly in Saskatchewan;
9. No Métis Person shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation;

10. Every Métis Person shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion;
11. No Métis Person shall be subject to coercion that would impair their freedom to have or adopt a belief of their choice;
12. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan shall have respect for the liberty of parents or guardians to ensure moral education of their children is in conformity with their own convictions;
13. Every Métis Person has the right to hold opinions without interference;
14. Every Métis Person shall have the right to expression including the freedom to seek, receive and import information and ideas of all kinds either in writing or print, in the form of art, or through any media of their choice;
15. The right of Métis People to assemble and organize at the community level is recognized;
16. Every Métis Person has the right of association subject only to a restriction that is prescribed by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and is necessary to protect the interests of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;
17. The family is the natural and fundamental group of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan and is entitled to protection by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
18. Every Métis child born of a Métis person is entitled to be registered as a citizen of the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan;
19. Every Métis Person has the right to:
 - a) Take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly, or through freely chosen representatives;
 - b) To vote and to be elected to a Local or Regional Council, the Executive, the Provincial Métis or the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, subject only to appropriate restrictions on age or residence;
 - c) All votes shall be of equal and universal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot which guarantees the free expression of the will of the electors;
 - d) All Métis shall have the right to access all public services offered through the Métis Nation affiliates.
20. All Métis persons are equal and entitled to protection by the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan.

APPENDIX #2: Annex A to Resolution #251028-07, “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for a Métis Dispute Resolution System”

The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*, relating to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, is amended by deleting Article 2-3 and substituting the following:

“3. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly has the jurisdiction and authority:

- (a) to govern the affairs and conduct of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan by adopting resolutions, rules and directives, making proclamations, and enacting legislation in relation to any matter;
- (b) to establish administration of justice systems such as tribunals, or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes relating to:
 - (i) compliance with this Constitution;
 - (ii) the validity, interpretation, application or alleged violation of legislation enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly or policies adopted by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; or
 - (iii) disputes between or involving Métis individuals.

3.1 Any Métis entities, processes or mechanisms established pursuant to Article 2-3(b) must be independent and impartial and must result in competent and fair decisions”.

APPENDIX #3: Annex A to Resolution #251028-08, “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to Clarify General Assembly Articles”

Constitution Amended

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) is amended as set out in this Annex.

Article 11 Replaced

2. Article 11 relating to the General Assembly is deleted and the following substituted:

“1. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall convene a General Assembly annually and when necessary to ratify amendments to this Constitution.

“2. The members of the General Assembly are those persons who are Métis citizens registered with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”.

Article 15 Amended

3. Article 15 is amended by deleting Article 15-2 and substituting the following:

“2. All proposed amendments to the Constitution must be registered with the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly thirty days prior to the sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly where reasonable advance notice of the Legislative Assembly is provided. Where the minimum 30 days’ notice is provided under Article 2-8, all proposed amendments must be registered 14 days prior to the sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

Article 16 Amended

4. Article 16 relating to implementation is deleted and the following substituted:

“1. This Constitution as amended is effective when the amendments are approved by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and ratified by the General Assembly”.

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APPENDIX #4: Annex A to Resolution #251028-09, “General Clean-Up for Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”

Constitution Amended

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) is amended as set out in this Annex.

Article 1 Replaced

2. Article 1 is deleted and the following substituted:

“ARTICLE 1: TITLE

“1. This Constitution may be referred to as the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitution”.

Article 2 Amended

3. Article 2 relating to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is amended by:

(a) adding the following Article after Article 2-2:

“2.1 The loyalty of the members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly must be to the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, and each member shall swear an Oath of Allegiance prior to taking their seat in the Assembly”.

Article 3 Amended

4. Article 3 relating to the Provincial Métis Council is amended:

(a) by deleting the word “Organization” wherever it occurs in Article 3-4 and in each case substituting “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”; and

(b) by deleting “Métis Legislative Assembly” and substituting “Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”.

Article 4 Amended

5. Article 4 is amended by deleting Article 4-4(a) and substituting the following:

“4(a) The President shall be the head of the Executive, and chief political spokesperson for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”.

Article 5 Amended

6. Article 5 is amended by:

(a) deleting Article 5-4 and substituting the following:

“4. The Regional Councils shall establish regional administrative offices that are accessible to the people and leadership”;

(b) deleting Article 5-6 and substituting the following:

“6. The Regional Council shall enact a constitution that is not inconsistent with this Constitution and shall file a copy of it, and any amendments to it, with the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”; and

(b) deleting Article 5-10 and substituting the following:

“10. The Regional Council shall provide direction to their representatives on the Provincial Métis Council with respect to all matters, including the aims, objectives and aspirations of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, and for their respective Regions”.

Article 7 Amended

7. Article 7 relating to Locals is amended by:

(a) deleting Article 7-1 and substituting the following:

“1. The Locals are the basic unit of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”;

(b) adding the following Articles after Article 7-2:

“2.1 An individual shall only belong to one Local.

“2.2 An individual must have resided in the community where the Local is situated for at least 6 months to be eligible for membership in the Local, although a Local may make exceptions for educational and medical purposes.

“2.3 A member of a Local must be ordinarily resident in the community where the Local is situated in order to retain membership in the Local, otherwise, the member must transfer their membership to the Local in the community to which they have relocated.

“2.4 In communities where no Locals exist, Métis persons shall apply to the Local nearest their residence”;

(c) by deleting Article 7-6 and substituting the following:

“6. Each Local shall be governed by a council, consisting of a president, a vice-president and the number of other members determined in accordance with the constitution of the Local, which may include terms of one to three years and elections may be by ballot box or conducted at a general meeting of the members of the Local.

“6.1 Each Local shall submit the names of their elected leadership to the Regional Council and the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly within 30 days of their election”; and

(d) by deleting Articles 7-8 and 7-9 and substituting the following:

“8. Each Local shall enact a constitution that is not inconsistent with this Constitution, including the establishment of portfolios, committees or other bodies required to address community and other issues, and shall file a copy of it, and any amendments to it, with the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

“9. The Locals shall provide yearly updates of their membership to the Regional Council and the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, separating those members who are under 16 years of age from those 16 and over”.

Article 9 Amended

8. Article 9 relating to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan is amended by deleting Articles 9-1 and 9-2 and substituting the following:

“1. The seat of government of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan is in Saskatoon”.

Article 10 Amended

9. Article 10 relating to citizenship is amended by deleting Articles 10-2 to 10-6.

Article 13 Amended

10. Article 13 relating to Métis independence is amended by:

(a) deleting Article 13-1 and substituting the following:

“1. Whereas the Métis are in the process of implementing self-government as one of three orders of government within Canada, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan”;

(b) deleting Article 13-2; and

(c) deleting Article 13-4 and substituting the following:

“4. Members of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan are not precluded from joining political parties of the two other orders of government, being the federal and provincial levels of government”.

Article 14 Amended

11. Article 14 relating to affiliates is amended by deleting Article 14-4 and substituting the following:

“4. All Affiliates shall have representation from the 12 Regions of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, unless otherwise decided by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly based upon the recommendations of the Provincial Métis Council”.

Article 17 Repealed

12. Article 17 relating to the 2007 Election is deleted.

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