



**MÉTIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held March 27, 2026

Minutes of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held March 27, 2026, at the Deer Eagle Room, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, RR#4 Penner Road, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary.

PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL: *(* indicates virtual attendance)*

Present:

Glen McCallum, President	Beverly Fullerton, Western Region 2A
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Marlene Hansen, Secretary	(absent 10:30 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.)
Jeremy Denomie, Treasurer	Rachael Heiser, Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC)
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1*	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
(left at 10:30 a.m.)	Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madelaine (Interim)
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1*	Darcy Lepowick, Eastern Region 2A*
Marilyn Ekert, Eastern Region 2 (Interim)*	Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2*

Absent:

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
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ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Nolan, Chair (left at 10:15 a.m.)	Elder Caroline Laliberte
Elder Don Caisse	Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary
Elder Norman Fleury	

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

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Self-Government
Kendra Gill, Director of Policy and Research
Autumn Laing-LaRose, Director, Strategy and Inclusive Governance
Echo Qin, Director of Finance*
Heather Hallgrimson, Cabinet and Legislative Services Manager - Policy and Self-Determination
Gerald Morin, Governance Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mike Nolan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYERS

Elder Caroline Laliberte and Elder Norman Fleury provided 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 March 27, 2026, MN-S PMC Meeting

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Michelle LeClair)

That the Agenda for the March 27, 2026, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer - 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:
 - 6.1 Appointing the Recording Secretary – Diane Parsons
 - 6.2 Review/Approval of the February 23, 2026, PMC Minutes
7. Resolutions:
 - 7.1 Urban Councils
 - 7.2 Setting the Order of the Day for the May 22-24, 2026, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)
 - 7.3 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts for the May 22-24, 2026, MNLA
 - 7.4 Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI) Board Appointment
8. Finance Update – Q3 Variance Analysis
9. In-Camera
10. Closing Prayer - Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones).

CARRIED (260327-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

Glen McCallum, President, highlighted key initiatives, including treaty negotiations, progress on the health and economic development files, and University of Saskatchewan data-sharing agreements. Remarks further acknowledged regional collaboration, particularly in relation to the impact from industry development, and the success of recent Elder and Youth gatherings.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Appointing the Recording Secretary

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

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

- Appointment of Diane Parsons as Recording Secretary for the March 27, 2026, PMC Meeting.

CARRIED (260327-02)

6.2 Approval of the February 23, 2026 PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the February 23, 2026 MN-S PMC Meeting

In reference to Item 8.1 of the February 23, 2026, PMC Minutes, the CEO confirmed that work was underway to implement the Governance Finance Policies, including a review of the “Authority” section of each policy.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

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

- Minutes of the February 23, 2026, PMC Meeting.

CARRIED (260327-03)

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Urban Councils

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on “Urban Councils”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Potential overlap with a previously submitted resolution by the Western Region 2A Urban Council and miscommunication regarding an earlier work plan
- Considering how Urban Councils align within broader governance structures, including regional participation and parallels to the North West Saskatchewan Métis Council model
- The role of Urban Councils in advancing self-determination, and reflecting regional diversity and distinct community needs
- Community-led engagement processes supported by Regional Representatives and technical staff
- Confirmation of the 2026-27 allocated budget of \$150,000 for Urban Councils
- Potential overlap or imbalance in resource allocation across urban and rural communities
- The importance of advancing the work in a timely manner, particularly in relation to ongoing fiscal financing negotiations.

It was MOVED (Jeremy Denomie) 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 are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS Article 6 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “Constitution”), provides that “The Métis Nation–Saskatchewan shall initiate, assist, support, assign, recommend and facilitate the development, implementation and establishment of Métis Urban Self-Government Councils in Saskatchewan”;

WHEREAS Urban Councils historically existed to support collaboration among Locals within Saskatchewan’s urban centres and ensured that shared urban priorities were recognized and advanced within the MN-S governance structure;

WHEREAS the MN-S has elected representatives for Western Region 2 (WR2), Western Region 3 (WR3) and Western Region 2A (WR2A), to represent some of Saskatchewan's largest urban centres including Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, respectively, and there is a desire to re-establish Urban Councils, as recognized in the *Constitution*, to provide a forum for shared urban priorities;

WHEREAS the approved 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget included \$150,000 for Urban Councils, which was not utilized in that fiscal year and has been carried forward to the 2026-27 fiscal year to support Urban Councils; and

WHEREAS the *Constitution* does not define the roles, functions, or purpose of Urban Councils, which necessitates engagement with MN-S elected officials to affirm a shared vision of Urban Councils by the urban representatives themselves, and requires confirmation by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) that this shared vision of Urban Councils aligns with the MN-S constitutional and governance structure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC direct MN-S to undertake a structured engagement process with MN-S elected representatives, to be completed within one year, to clarify the structure, purpose, roles, and expectations of Urban Councils;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the outcomes of this engagement be brought forward to the MNLA for consideration and endorsement, to confirm that the shared vision for Urban Councils is recognized by the MNLA who are responsible for the governance structure of the MN-S.

CARRIED (260327-04)

Point of Order

A Point of Order was raised regarding further discussion on Item 7.1. The Chair ruled that further discussion would not be permitted.

Change of Chair

Chair Nolan resigned as Chair of the Meeting and as Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker. President McCallum assumed the Chair at 10:15 a.m. and subsequently appointed Vice President LeClair to serve as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve the appointment of Michelle LeClair as Chair for the remainder of the March 27, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED (260327-05)

Time: 10:15 a.m.

7.1 Urban Councils (Continued)

President McCallum emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach to Urban Council development, ensuring consistent decision-making and thorough community engagement.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. Laura Burnouf and Loretta King were absent when the meeting resumed.

ROLL CALL

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

7.2 Setting the Order of the Day for the May 22-24, 2026, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) *Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on “Setting the Order of the Day for the May 22-24, 2026, MNLA”*

It was agreed that the following revisions be made to Day One of the MNLA Order of the Day:

- Include an item, “Oaths of Office for All Elected Local Presidents” after the Roll Call
- Add Michelle LeClair, Vice President, to the Self-Government Panel.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Outstanding discussions on constitutional amendments introduced at the November 2025 MNLA that had not been reviewed or resolved
- Allocating sufficient time on the afternoon of Day Two of the May 2026 MNLA to address member-submitted motions.

It was MOVED (Beverly Fullerton) 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, Kih̓t̓y̓ak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which are 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 February 18, 2025, resolved to hold an MNLA on May 22-24, 2026, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (Resolution #250218-05); and

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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approve the following Order of the Day (Agenda) for the MNLA to be held May 22-24, 2026, as proposed by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly:

DIALOGUE FORUMS – May 22, 2026

MNLA DAY 1 – May 23, 2026

- 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 – Recorded Version
- State of the Nation – President Glen McCallum
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Address – Richard Quintal, CEO
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Local Presidents

- Motion:
 - o Adoption of the Agenda – Order of the Day
 - o Proposed Consent Agenda:
 - Adoption of the Minute Taker
 - Acceptance of all Reports – Executive, Regional, Ministerial, and Affiliates
 - Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts
- Motion:
 - o Adoption of the Minutes
 - Adoption of the September 5-7, 2025, MNLA Minutes
 - Adoption of the November 22-23, 2025, MNLA Minutes
- 2026-2027 MN-S Operating Budget Presentation:
 - o Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance
 - o Matthew Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
 - o Echo Qin, Director of Finance
- Saskatchewan Marshals Service Memorandum of Understanding - Signing
- Motion:
 - o Approval of the 2026-2027 MN-S Budget
- Self-Government Panel:
 - o Michelle LeClair, Vice President
 - o Brennan Merasty, Minister of Self-Government and Self-Determination
 - o Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Self-Government
 - o Gerald Morin, Governance Specialist
 - o Tom Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
- Judiciary Act Presentation:
 - o Brennan Merasty, Minister of Self-Government and Self-Determination
 - o Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Self-Government
 - o Kendra Gill, Director, Policy and Research

MNLA DAY 2 – May 24, 2026

- Opening Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates- Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Constitutional Reform Presentation:
 - o Brennan Merasty, Minister of Self-Government and Self-Determination
 - o Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief, Self-Government
 - o Merrilee Rasmussen, Rasmussen and Co.
- Motions:
 - o General Clean-up of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
 - o Appointment of the Registrar
 - o Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios
- Motions: Submissions
- Closing Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones) or Elders
- Conclusion.

CARRIED (260327-06)

Change of Chair

President McCallum assumed the Chair at 11:15 a.m.

7.3 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts for the May 22-24, 2026, MNLA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on "Appointment of Dumont's Scouts for the May 22-24, 2026, MNLA"

It was agreed that the motion would include the appointment of a Métis Youth Dumont's Scout, subject to availability.

Additional comments were offered on:

- Ensuring the inclusion of youth, Elders, and Veterans as the government continues to grow and refine its processes
- A reminder to PMC members to submit names of potential Dumont's Scouts to Ryan Carriere for consideration.

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Michelle LeClair)

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 or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which are 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 May 22-24, 2026, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, as per PMC Resolution #250218-05;

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

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 appoint the following individuals as Dumont's Scouts for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to be held on May 22-24, 2026: Dave Arnott, John Belanger, Rick McKay, and one Métis Youth representative to serve as a Dumont's Scout (subject to availability).

CARRIED (260327-07)

Change of Chair

Vice-President LeClair reassumed the Chair at 11:25 a.m.

7.4 Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI) Board of Directors Appointment

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution on "MACSI Board Appointment"

During discussion on a proposed appointment to the MACSI Board, comments were offered on:

- Advancing distinction-based approaches in healing and program development through collaboration with federal and provincial governments
- Expanding the MACSI Board by three additional positions, to support inclusive and regionally diverse representation
- The strength and expertise of Board members, including lived and professional experience in mental health and addictions.

It was MOVED (Beverly Fullerton) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

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

WHEREAS the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI) is an affiliate of the MN-S, and the PMC has the authority to approve, by resolution, the appointment of members to the MACSI Board of Directors (the “Board”);

WHEREAS MACSI has identified qualified candidates to fill vacant Board positions through a call for nominations; and

WHEREAS the MN-S Minister of Health and Mental Health and Addictions has approved Kenny Bodvarson as a candidate for the Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approve the appointment of Kenny Bodvarson to the MACSI Board for a two-year term, beginning on March 27, 2026, and ending on March 27, 2028.

CARRIED (260327-08)

Meal Break

The meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. after a Meal Blessing offered by Elder Don Caisse and Elder Norman Fleury, and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

1:10 p.m.

Loretta King rejoined the meeting.

8. FINANCE UPDATE

8.1 Q3 Variance Analysis

Related information (provided with the agenda): Presentation titled, “Q3-25-26 Financial Update”

Echo Qin, Director of Finance, provided a line-by-line review of the presentation. Additional comments were offered on:

- A Financial Compliance Matrix, outlining the MN-S’ compliance with regulatory processes
- The Q3 Financial Health Snapshot, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, long-term debt, cash balance, and working capital ratio as of December 31, 2025
- The Q3 2025-26 Variance Report, indicating variances between budgeted and actual revenues and expenses
- Revenue overages in specific programs, with corresponding expenditures occurring later in the fiscal year and into the next
- Major infrastructure projects as a primary driver of expenditure variances, and ongoing coordination with funders and regulators to ensure continued progress
- Additional spending and grant allocations in early 2026 not reflected in the report
- Issuing a secondary call to Locals on funding opportunities with unallocated funds
- Sunsetting of the “Wellness Through Our Lands” funding as of March 31, 2026

- Supporting participation of university and government representatives in land-based cultural engagement activities, with costs covered through their respective budgets
- Addressing variances through accelerated project implementation, increased grant awareness and support, second funding intakes, management of carry-forwards, and cross-departmental coordination.

During discussion, the following responses and clarifications were offered to questions raised:

- “Cost of Sales” refers to inventory costs associated with retail operations, including online and other sales
- “Other Revenue” includes self-generated revenue, funding from municipal and provincial governments and other organizations, and interest revenue (noting MN-S does not currently hold interest generating investments)
- The \$75,000 grant under “Grants to Regions and Locals” supported a “Day of Learning” event hosted by the Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.
- The “Sakitawak IPCA Grant” is administered by MN-S on behalf of Northern Region 3
- The Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples funding program is scheduled to sunset, with all funds to be allocated by March 31, 2026
- Including LFD in funding applications would require incorporation into approved funding resolutions and further discussion with the PMC
- Accountability and transparency are maintained through MN-S’ annual independent financial audit
- “Over Budget” expenditures may be addressed through adjustments within funding agreement categories and escalated, if needed, as per delegation of authority guidelines
- Administration fee recovery is conservatively tracked and primarily realized at year-end through adjustments, internal transfers, and full expenditure recognition
- Departments supported through administration fee recovery included Legal, Human Resources, Communications and Storytelling, Finance, and Property Management.

During the discussion, suggestions were offered to:

- Expand support for harvesting camps through government and private sector partnerships
- Establish consistent annual funding for long-standing traditional regional gatherings
- Improve grant uptake through a “program uptake report”, outlining grants applied for and received by Locals, to be shared with Regional Representatives
- Encourage the PMYC to apply independently or partner with Regions and Locals on grant applications.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 3:15 p.m.

9. IN-CAMERA

It was agreed to conclude the meeting and move in-camera to consider confidential matters.

10. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Rachael Heiser) and SECONDED (Brennan Merasty)

That the March 27, 2026, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (260327-09)

Time: 3:15 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 March 27, 2026, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the February 23, 2026, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Resolution titled, "Urban Councils"
4. Resolution titled, "Setting the Order of the Day for the May 22-24, 2026, MNLA"
5. Resolution titled, "Appointment of Dumont's Scouts for the May 22-24, 2026, MNLA"
6. Resolution titled "MACSI Board Appointment"
7. Presentation titled, "Q3-25-26 Financial Update"

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
LFDM	Les Filles de Madelaine
MACSI	Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc.
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council