MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, FEBRUARY 5 and 6, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held January 16, 2016 in the Salon Batoche, Delta Bessborough Hotel, 601 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and February 5 and 6, 2016 in the South Oak Room at the Quality Inn, 67 13th Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Saturday, February 6, 2016

PRESENT:
Robert Doucette, President (arrived 10:30 a.m.)
Gerald Morin, Vice-President and Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
May Henderson (arrived 10:30 a.m.)
Chester Herman
Penny Hurton (arrived 10:30 a.m.)
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah
Lennard Morin

ALSO PRESENT:
Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, INAC
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY
Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

23. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Co-Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. and welcomed Métis National Council (MNC) President Clément Chartier to the meeting.

21. PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

21.2 MNC President Clément Chartier

MNC President Chartier commended the relationship established between representatives of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the MN-S.

President Chartier presented comments on:

- Government's implementation of the Métis Nation policy, and the Prime Minister's efforts to bring increased recognition to the Métis people
- Efforts by Minister Carolyn Bennett, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, on a number of major issues including the missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls
- The three orders of government in Canada (federal, provincial and Indigenous governments)
- An invitation from the Prime Minister's office, extended to the organizations representing the three Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Inuit and Métis)
- Impacts of MN-S' current situation on the entire Métis Nation, and government's role in re-establishing the MN-S as the representative for the Métis citizens in Saskatchewan
- Challenges the Métis people faced in proving their right to hunt and fish, based on their ancestor's use of the area
- The recent tragedy in the Métis community of La Loche, which confirmed the need draw attention to Métis issues
- The MNC General Assembly and other meetings scheduled June 16 to 19, 2016 in Winnipeg
- The MNC Policy Conference scheduled in March 2016 in Vancouver (pending confirmation).

Discussion ensued on:

- The *Daniels* case, which is currently at the Supreme Court of Canada level; the federal government's decision on whether to proceed with the cross appeal process is anticipated by the fall of 2016
- Various economic challenges facing Métis people in Pine House and other Saskatchewan communities
- The importance of establishing and maintaining access to government programs available to Indigenous people.

10:10 a.m.
MNC President Chartier departed the meeting.

Recess
The meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and resumed at 10:30 a.m. President Robert Doucette, May Henderson and Penny Hurton were present when the meeting resumed.

21.1 PRESENTATIONS: From Prospective Third Party Expert Advisors (Continued)

The Co-Chairs led the meeting in a discussion regarding the prospective third party expert advisors who offered presentations on February 5, 2016. The meeting discussed:

- The expert advisor's development of a workplan in collaboration with the PMC, committees and federal representatives, consistent with the proposed Statement of Work
- The expert advisor's review of the PMC's prior decisions and resolutions
- The Finance Committee's collaboration with the Treasurer during the process ahead
- The expert advisor assuming control and protection over the MN-S premises and registry (i.e. controlling access to the organization's office and records and backing up digital files)
- The expert advisor's interim signing authority for the organization
- The intent of the contribution agreement that work outlined therein would be accomplished by the end of March 2016.

After considering the earlier presentations from representatives from MNP and EY, the meeting agreed to retain EY to act as expert advisor for the MN-S.

Next steps following the selection of the expert advisor, were reviewed including:

- Signing of the contribution agreement (preferably by the President), plus the signature of at least one witness
- A resolution by the PMC supporting the contribution agreement, was required
- The MN-S entering into a contract to hire the third party firm as an expert advisor
- The expert advisor would take the appropriate steps to keep the building secure (i.e. communicate with the landlord on rent, utilities, etc.).

President Doucette clarified that his participation at the meeting, did not indicate his concurrence with decisions made at the meeting.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorize contracting the services of Ernst & Young, to act as the expert advisor for the MN-S, guided by the "Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements" approved by the PMC on February 6, 2016.

CARRIED

Printed copies of a revised "Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements" were provided, which included a section titled "Workplan Items", drafted based on comments provided earlier in the meeting (see attached "List of Appendices").

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the amended "Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements", provided on February 6, 2016.

CARRIED

24. CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

The meeting was referred to the contribution agreement titled, "Amending Agreement (No. 1415-HQ-000097) for Subsequent Years of an ARFA Other, Fiscal Year 2015/2016, with Action Planning", which intended to outline a consensus-based, reconciliatory approach to assist the MN-S in moving towards an MNLA and election (see attached "List of Appendices").

INAC representatives offered the following comments related to the agreement:

- The President requested to review the agreement after the meeting
- Consent was required by the majority of the Executive and the majority of the PMC before the contribution agreement could be executed
- It may take two weeks after the agreement was signed, before the transfer of money to the expert advisor could occur.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept the "Amending Agreement (No. 1415-HQ-000097) for Subsequent Years of an ARFA Other, Fiscal Year 2015/2016, With Action Planning" as presented to the PMC on February 6, 2016, subject to agreement by the MN-S President or Vice-President.

CARRIED

25. NEXT MEETING DATES

The meeting acknowledged further work and reporting required prior to March 31, 2016. It was anticipated that by the third PMC meeting, the next MNLA would be called. The meeting agreed to the following second and third PMC meetings:

- February 19 and 20, 2016 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan
- March 4 and 5, 2016 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

President Doucette agreed to convey any questions he may have related to the contribution agreement through the Vice-President. He indicated that he was uncertain whether he would attend the February 19 and 20, 2016 meeting.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Ketcheson explained that the next phase of funding would occur through a proposal-based approach with terms that reflected the position of the majority of the MN-S PMC and the Executive. He confirmed that he had offered to review the contribution agreement with President Doucette, to discuss any questions he may have.

The Co-Chairs extended thanks to the INAC representatives and others for their attendance, adding that notification of the upcoming meetings would soon be provided.

26. CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held January 16, February 5 and 6, 2016 concluded on February 6, 2016 at 12:10 p.m.

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LIST OF APPENDICES

The following documents were provided during the meeting and are available as separate files, in PDF format:

- "Amending Agreement for Subsequent Years of an ARFA Other, Fiscal Year 2015/2016, With Action Planning"
- "Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements"
- "Proposed Approach - Terms of Reference"