MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2016 and JULY 8, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held June 16, 2016 in the York Meeting Room, at the Fairmont Hotel, 2 Lombard Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba and July 8, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Saskatoon Downtown, 101 Pacific Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2016

PRESENT:
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair (departed at 7:30 p.m. / rejoined at 8:17 p.m.)
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
Chester Herman
Penny Hurton (via teleconference) (departed at 6:30 p.m.)
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan (via teleconference) (arrived at 7:30 p.m. / departed at 7:54 p.m.)
Tammy Mah
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:
Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner
May Henderson
Shelly Kapell

ALSO PRESENT:
Viola Bell, Observer
Jimmy Durocher, Observer
Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant
Karen Larocque, Observer
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:
Joe Healey, EY
Evan Shoforost, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVES:
Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER
Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

WELCOMING COMMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER
Vice-President Morin welcomed attendees to the meeting. Lennard Morin offered an Opening Prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its June 16, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Adoption of the June 4 and 5, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting Minutes:
   - 3.1 Review of the Minutes
   - 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation from Election Consultant (Lorne Gibson)
5. Updates:
   - 5.1 Update from the Federal Government (re: Funding Agreement)
   - 5.2 Update from the PMC Back to Batoche Committee
   - 5.3 Update from the MN-S Election Committee
   - 5.4 Update from the CEO (Mavis Taylor)
   - 5.5 Update from the Expert Advisor (Ernst & Young)
   - 5.6 Update from the MNLA Committee
   - 5.7 Update from the Finance Committee
6. Resolutions
7. Other Business:
   - 7.1 Youth
   - 7.2 Provide Membership Lists and Local President Lists to EY
   - 7.3 Next Two PMC Meetings
   - 7.4 Health Advisory Board Appointees

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the Agenda was varied during the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes, in the order in which they were considered.

1. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Helene Johnson)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the June 16, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the June 16, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES (June 4 and 5, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting)

3.1 Review of the Minutes

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the June 4 and 5, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting,

3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed the resolutions passed at the June 4 and 5, 2016 meeting and discussed business arising from the minutes.

It was questioned whether members of the Election Committee are permitted to run in the election. It was clarified that the work of the Election Committee will conclude by August 2, 2016 therefore, the Election Committee members are not restricted from running in the election.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the June 4 and 5, 2016 meeting, with the following amendments:

- Page 8, Item 6.1 – Correct the spelling of "Brian Chaboyer" in the resolution
- Page 11, Item 4.5 – Amend the third bullet in the penultimate resolution to read "Pay cell phone bills for CEO Mavis Taylor, until she ceases employment with the MN-S"
- Page 12, Item 7.2 – Correct the spelling of Helene Johnson's name
- Page 12, Item 4.7 – Amend the second resolution to read "That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith as Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the MNLA 2016".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. UPDATE FROM ELECTION CONSULTANT

Evan Shoforost, EY, introduced Lorne Gibson and referred to his biography that was provided with the agenda material.

Mr. Gibson commented on his experience in conducting elections in Saskatchewan. He raised the following issues and concerns with respect to the proposed timing of the MN-S election on September 3, 2016:

- The length of time required to properly prepare for an election
- The challenge to hire a Chief Electoral Officer, Returning Officers and staff within the short time frame, particularly over the summer months
- The need to update the fees to be paid to the Chief Electoral Officer and Returning Officers
- The need to establish a detailed budget for the election
- The need to consider allowing internet voting.

During discussion, the following comments and questions were raised:

- Whether Mr. Gibson has any experience working with Aboriginal organizations
- Concern with the validity of votes if internet voting is permitted
- The need to provide mechanisms for citizens to sign a declaration at the polling station stating that they are eligible voters
- The need for the MNLA to approve the rescheduling of the election date

- The intention during the 2007 election to create a database of voters to develop a voters list
- The suggestion that pre-registration of voters be permitted
- The requirement that the PMC make a recommendation to the MNLA with respect to an election date and the election process
- The need to ensure that the election date is not be deferred unnecessarily
- The suggestion to appoint the election officials as soon as possible
- Whether it would be possible to schedule the election on September 3, 2016, given that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) will be held on July 30 and 31, 2016
- The voters list from the 2012 election has been requested from MNP but has not yet been received
- The suggestion that the PMC consider engaging Mr. Gibson to provide advice in planning for the election
- The need to recognize that the Chief Electoral Officer cannot be appointed until the July 30 and 31, 2016 MNLA
- The need to assure compliance with the legislation and the election procedures to ensure the legitimacy of the election and the validity of the results
- The suggestion that information on the names of the members and their respective region and local be obtained from the registry to create the foundation of a voters list.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Derek Langan joined the meeting and Gerald Morin and Lorne Gibson departed the meeting.

Change in Chair

Co-Chair Helene Johnson assumed the Chair.

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, noted INAC's interest in assuring that the election is valid. The short-time frame cannot ensure that an uncontested election will occur and INAC would not release the funds to hold an election on September 3, 2016.

It was suggested that an expert be retained to provide information to the MNLA on the election process that must be followed to ensure an uncontested election and to provide the rationale for the deferral of the election.

Discussion continued and the following comments were offered:

- The preferred means to recruit a Chief Electoral Officer
- The recommendation that the recruitment of a Chief Electoral Officer occur as soon as possible
- Clarification that the election date approved by the MNLA is not required to be within 30 days
- Confirmation that INAC will provide the funding to conduct the preparatory work for the election, prior to the MNLA
- The need to acknowledge the desire of the MN-S citizens for an early election.

7:54 p.m.

Derek Langan left the meeting.

8:17 p.m.

Gerald Morin rejoined the meeting.

5. UPDATES

5.1 Update from the Federal Government

Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, INAC, commended the PMC on the progress that has been made since January 2016 and congratulated the PMC on its evolution towards becoming a thoughtful decision-making governing body. He reiterated Mr. Quintal's views that INAC would be unable to fund an election on the proposed short timeframes.

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, provided an update on the funding agreement and reported that:

- INAC's preference for the funding agreement to be signed by President Doucette and witnessed by Vice-President Morin
- The finalization of the funding agreement was delayed due to the need accommodate the unusual circumstances and was distributed to President Doucette, Vice-President Morin and Mr. Shoforost on June 15, 2016
- In the event that President Doucette elects not to sign the funding agreement, Mr. Ketcheson will be required to seek further advice before he is able to sign the agreement on behalf of INAC.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The opinion of the PMC that Vice-President Morin is qualified to sign the funding agreement on behalf of the MN-S if President Doucette declines to sign
- The ruling of the court that the majority rules and that President Doucette must sign the agreement if directed to do so by a resolution of the PMC
- The need for INAC to respect the authority of the PMC
- Clarification that INAC's position is based on a reconciliation, not a legal, perspective
- The need for Mr. Ketcheson to obtain the authorization to sign the funding agreement on behalf of the Federal Government if it is not signed by President Doucette
- The financial risks assumed by EY to date, on the expectation that President Doucette will sign the funding agreement
- The PMC's appreciation of the efforts of EY and INAC, and their support to rebuild the MN-S.

Mr. Quintal reported that the drafting of the funding agreement for the Gabriel Dumont Institute is nearing completion.

5.2 Update from the Back to Batoche Committee

Darlene McKay, Chair, Back to Batoche Committee, provided an update on the 2016 Back to Batoche Festival scheduled July 14 to 16, 2016:

- The agreement by the Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation of Alberta and the Manitoba Métis Federation to hold celebrations on each of the days of the festival
- The status of the repairs to the Batoche grounds.

Karen Larocque reported on sponsorship commitments and noted that some accounting irregularities have been uncovered with respect to a previous corporate sponsorship.

Ms. Larocque commented on the lack of cooperation from the former Back to Batoche Committee and expressed appreciation for the support provided by the Back to Batoche Committee members.

4.3 Update from the MN-S Election Committee

Chester Herman, Chair, Elections Committee, reported on discussions that occurred at the June 10, 2016 Election Committee meeting:

- Consideration regarding retaining Lorne Gibson as an Election Consultant
- Consideration regarding the provision of a mechanism to allow citizens to sign a declaration at the polling station stating that they are eligible voters.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council engages Lorne Gibson as an Election Consultant until the Chief Electoral Officer is appointed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 Update from the CEO (Mavis Taylor)

Mavis Taylor, CEO, provided an update on:

- Discussions with SaskTel as directed in the resolution passed at the June 4 and 5, 2016 meeting:
  - The outstanding cell phone and land line bill is approximately $2,400 and $10,000, respectively
  - President Doucette advised SaskTel that he would not be disconnecting his cell phone and EY would be paying the outstanding bill
  - SaskTel will be disconnecting the cell phones of President Doucette and Vice-President Morin on July 31, 2016 unless instructed otherwise
- Funding of $150,000 is available from INAC for each MNC Governing Member to identify gaps in the youth Urban Aboriginal Strategy:
  - The deadline for the submission of the funding proposal is June 17, 2016.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The suggestion that SaskTel be requested to assign new passcodes to the MN-S general voice mail box
- EY recently processed a payment of approximately $2,600 for the MN-S SaskTel account.

5.5 Update from the Expert Advisor (Ernst & Young)

Mr. Shoforost commended the PMC and the CEO for their hard work.

Joe Healey, EY, provided the following update:

- An RBC Loan Accounts officer advised that they have resumed control of the collection of the debt, on the expectation that funding would be provided by the Federal Government and the financial position of the MN-S will improve
- The expectation that this issue will be resolved in an amicable fashion

- A request has been made to RBC for a compromise on the outstanding debt.

During discussion, the following comments and questions were raised:
- Appreciation to the EY and INAC representatives on behalf of the MN-S with respect to their handling of the RBC debt issue
- The likelihood of RBC's willingness to compromise on the outstanding debt.

Request for Action:
Mr. Shoforost was requested to share the emails he has received from Mr. Roy.

Mr. Shoforost provided the following update:
- Status of the new website
- Advertising and press releases regarding the MNLA
- Recommendation that SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation obtain the $1 million of federal funding for economic development
- The need for the Finance Committee to prioritize the payment of outstanding debts
- The recommendation to move the items in storage back to the MN-S office to eliminate the $145/month expense
- The suggestion that Louis Gardiner be requested to provide financial information and passcodes in preparation for the MNLA
- The need to consider whether to engage another accounting firm to conduct an audit if the financial records can be obtained, in preparation for the MNLA
- EY is considering providing volunteers to make repairs to the Batoche grounds as the focus of an upcoming EY Connects Day.

During discussion, the following comments and questions were raised:
- The need to review the information contained in the boxes in storage
- The appropriate party to be appointed to audit the financial records for the last two fiscal years
- Whether an auditor is liable for errors made in previous audits.

It was MOVED (Chester Herman) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorizes Ernst & Young to pay the outstanding account for the storage space and to return the items to the MN-S office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Shoforost reported that a progress report prepared by Raincoast Ventures Ltd. has been emailed to the CEO for review and will be distributed to PMC members shortly.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Michael Bell)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorizes the CEO and Ernst & Young to submit a funding proposal under the Urban Aboriginal Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held June 16, 2016 adjourned at 9:48 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene at 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 2016 at the Fort Garry Hotel, 222 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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DATE: Friday, July 8, 2016

PRESENT:
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
Chester Herman
Penny Hurton (departed at 10:25 a.m.)
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Tammy Mah
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:
Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner
May Henderson
Shelly Kapell

ALSO PRESENT:
MNC President Clément Chartier (arrived at 1:30 p.m.)
Cody Breaton, Youth Representative
Karen Larocque, Observer
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
Frank Tompkins, Elder
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (via teleconference) (for Item 7.6)

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:
Michael Campbell
Blake Herman
Evan Shoforost

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER
Co-Chair Johnson called the meeting back to order at 9:45 a.m. on July 8, 2016 and confirmed a quorum was present.

WELCOMING COMMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER
Glen McCallum offered an Opening Prayer.

1. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY (Continued)

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the July 8, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reviewed the Agenda items still requiring consideration (Items 7.1 to 7.4), and some additional Other Business items (Items 7.5 to 7.12), as follows:

7. Other Business:
   - 7.1 Youth Update
   - 7.2 Provide Membership Lists and Local President Lists to EY
   - 7.3 Next Two PMC Meetings
   - 7.4 Health Advisory Board Appointees
   - 7.5 Building Lease
   - 7.6 Update from Legal Counsel (Jay Watson)
   - 7.7 Committee Updates
   - 7.8 Updates from the CEO
   - 7.9 Update from EY
   - 7.10 National Economic Development Strategy
   - 7.11 MNC – Métis Rights Panel (MRP) Representative
   - 7.12 MNC – Environment Committee Representative

7. UPDATES (Continued)

7.1 Youth Update

Cody Breaton, Chair, Youth Council, commented on the youth workshop he and other youth attended. He reviewed the results of the Youth Council election as indicated in the June 26, 2016 Youth Council minutes:

- President: Cody Breaton (from Prince Albert)
- Vice President: J.C. Bell (from Meadow Lake)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Renita Swan
- Honourable Delegates: Candace Herman and Jessie Janvier (from La Roche).

The Minutes of the December 15, 2012 and June 26, 2016 Youth Council Meetings were provided for information.

Members were reminded to add their names to the speakers' list if they wanted to contribute comments during the discussion. Members' comments would be heard in the order in which they were added to the speakers' list.

10:25 a.m.

Penny Hurton left the meeting and did not return, after expressing concerns that her comments were not being heard.

During further discussion, comments were offered regarding potentially setting the term of office for Youth Council members, at four years.

Regional Directors were encouraged to submit the names of designated youth representatives from their regions to Mr. Breaton (with a copy to Billy Kennedy and Vice-Chair Morin). Contact information for Mr. Breaton will be provided to PMC members along with the minutes of the June 16 and July 8, 2016 meeting.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accepts Cody Breaton as the Youth Council Representative on the PMC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Provide Membership Lists and Local President Lists to EY

Ms. Taylor acknowledged that some of the Regional Directors had submitted minutes confirming the election of their Regional Executives. It was requested that Regional Directors submit their lists of delegates attending the MNLA to the CEO and EY as soon as possible.

Regional Directors were requested to review the regional lists provided at the meeting, and to submit any corrections before departing.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that Regional Directors register the delegates from their respective regions, to attend the upcoming MNLA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Gerald Morin)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that:

a) Tammy Mah, President, Filles de Madeleine Association Inc. (FMA), register the delegates from the FMA, to attend the 2016 MNLA; and
b) Cody Breaton, President, Youth Council, register the delegates from the Youth Council, to attend the 2016 MNLA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Next Two PMC Meetings

Ms. Taylor confirmed that funding was available for two more PMC meetings. A meeting will be held July 22, 2016 in Prince Albert and on July 29, 2016 in Yorkton, the evening prior to the MNLA, if required.

It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the next PMC meeting be held July 22, 2016 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan (location to be confirmed).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Health Advisory Board Appointees

Darlene McKay, Minister of Health, acknowledged Dr. Caroline Tait's invitation at the April 16 and 17, 2016 PMC Meeting, to participate at Health Advisory Board meetings through

the University of Saskatchewan. Ms. McKay requested the names of four additional participants, to attend on behalf of MN-S.

It was MOVED (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints the following to attend and participate in upcoming Health Advisory Board meetings, through the University of Saskatchewan: Cody Breaton, Earl Cook, Denise McKenzie, and Shirley Morin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 Committee Updates

7.7.1 Election Committee

Ms. Taylor confirmed that Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, had been retained by the MN-S and would be presenting information regarding the upcoming MN-S election at the MNLA.

7.7.2 Finance Committee

Ms. Taylor acknowledged EY's recent receipt of funding through the federal agreement.

7.7.3 MNLA Committee

Ms. Taylor reported that in preparation for the July 30 and 31, 2016 MNLA, the Committee had drafted the "Orders of the Day". A draft MNLA delegate information binder would be reviewed at the July 21, 2016 MNLA Committee meeting in Prince Albert. A summarized compilation of the PMC's decisions from 2015 to 2016 would be included in the binders.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The MNLA delegate information kits and binders
- Shuttle service between designated hotels and the Gallagher Conference Centre
- The MNLA Opening Ceremonies (and a presentation by the Asham Stompers)
- The Gabriel Dumont Institute's contributions to the MNLA (including items for the delegate kits, etc.)
- Invitations extended to MN-S affiliates to provide presentations at the MNLA, in addition to printed copies of their annual reports and audits.

7.7.4 Back to Batoche Committee

Ms. Larocque provided an update on the 2016 Back to Batoche Festival scheduled July 14 – 16, 2016, and commented on:

- Pre-sales for camping and gate admissions
- Sponsorships (which were less than anticipated)
- An outstanding balance owed for insurance purchased for the 2015 Back to Batoche Festival, and anticipated insurance costs for the 2016 Back to Batoche Festival
- Minor repairs still required at Batoche (i.e. doorknob replacements, a minor roof vent leak)
- Cultural and other activities scheduled during the Festival
- Efforts to assign a group to manage the Voyageur Games
- Taxes anticipated for the 2016 Back to Batoche Festival, and taxes outstanding from the 2015 Back to Batoche Festival
- Payments to some organizations which may still be outstanding from prior festivals
- MN-S appointees to the Batoche Management Board.

During discussion, the following comments were offered regarding further infrastructure repairs to be addressed after the 2016 Back to Batoche Festival:

- Ledcor offered to assist with additional infrastructure repairs required
- Atco has been contacted about upgraded bathroom facilities (i.e. two trailers with toilets and showers)
- A larger water tank may be purchased for the front bathrooms.

Commendations were extended to the following for their volunteered time and efforts that contributed significantly to the coordination of the 2016 Back to Batoche Festival:

- EY staff and Tammy Mah's students, for painting, cleaning etc. at the Batoche site
- A Saskatchewan Penitentiary work crew, for lawn cutting at the Batoche site
- Darlene McKay and Karen Larocque and their families, for their substantial contributions.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

7.5 Building Lease

Mr. Shoforost led the meeting in a review of the "Statement of Receipts and Disbursements", provided at the meeting and offered comments regarding:

- The current building lease (with monthly rent payments of approximately $13,000), which was up for renewal at the end of September 2016
- The potential of requesting the building's landlord to consider a short-term lease extension to the end of March 2017; or concluding the current building lease, and storing the MN-S office contents with a storage company.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- EY could compare the MN-S current lease rates with similar facilities in the vicinity, before requesting a reduced monthly rent on a short-term basis
- The Finance Committee will consider how to proceed with respect to the MN-S building lease, based on EY's discussions with the landlord, at its next meeting.

Mr. Quintal confirmed that funds for the MN-S office facilities were incorporated in the MN-S funding agreement.

1:30 p.m.

Métis National Council (MNC) President Clément Chartier joined the meeting.

7.9 Update from EY

7.9.1 Access to Financial Information

During discussion on the continued lack of access to the financial documents of MN-S organizations, comments were offered regarding:

- Limited financial information available on the MN-S accounting system, related to the MN-S and the Provincial Métis Holdco
- Legal options available for requiring the disclosure of financial information related to MN-S organizations (i.e. through a court ordered direction)
- Uncertainties related to past financial management practices of the organization
- Justice Sherman's prior court order, which included some specific directions.

2:00 p.m.

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, joined the meeting via teleconference.

Mr. Shoforost welcomed Mr. Watson and reviewed multiple unsuccessful attempts towards obtaining financial information regarding the MN-S organizations.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MNS) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young to seek through the MN-S' legal counsel, the court ordered provision of financial documentation for the following entities, from the organizations and/or individuals holding the information:

- Back to Batoche Festival Inc.
- Back to Batoche Land Management Inc.
- Provincial Métis Housing Inc.
- Round Prairie Ventures Inc.
- Round Prairie Development Ltd.
- Provincial Métis Holdco
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan – Secretariat Inc.
- Métis Society of Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Update from Legal Counsel

Mr. Watson confirmed that he would write to Justice Sherman in the next week, conveying the PMC's direction to seek the court ordered provision of financial information.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The previously scheduled September 3, 2016 election may be postponed, based on the opinion provided by the Election Consultant
- In the event that court action did not occur by July 30, 2016, a substantive explanation could be provided by Legal Counsel at the MNLA
- The Corporate Registry has been updated accordingly for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.
- An application had been made through the *Residential Tenancy Act* for an order to have the tenant at the Batoche site removed.

7.8 Updates from the CEO

Ms. Taylor reported that:

- As the MN-S budget allowed for each Regional Council to hold a meeting, EY could be contacted to make the appropriate arrangements
- Some constitutional amendments had been submitted for consideration at the MNLA; the deadline for submitting amendments was July 16, 2016.

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts the Chief Executive Officer's report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.11 MNC – Métis Rights Panel (MRP) Representative

The meeting confirmed the MN-S' appointments of Billy Kennedy as Métis Rights Panel Representative, and Glen McCallum as his alternate.

7.12 MNC – Environment Committee Representative

The meeting confirmed that Lennard Morin would represent the MN-S on the MNC Environment Committee.

7.9.2 Citizen's Inquiries

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged the impacts of the excessive inquiries EY was receiving from a few citizens, seeking immediate responses. It was noted that EY was referring the inquiring citizens to the MN-S website or their regional representative, for further information.

It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that citizens with concerns related to MN-S matters, be referred to the elected leaders of the MN-S.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Provide Membership Lists and Local President Lists to EY (Continued)

During a review of the Membership Lists, it was noted that the Eastern Region 1 list incorrectly indicated two Presidents for Cumberland House (Local 42).

Request for Action

It was requested that a letter be sent to the incorrectly indicated Cumberland House President on the Eastern Region 1 Membership List, clarifying that the designated Regional Directors of each region will appoint delegates to attend the 2016 MNLA. The letter will be drafted by the MN-S Chief Executive Officer with the assistance of Ernst & Young, and signed by Vice President Morin.

Request for Action

Evan Shoforost, Ernst & Young, agreed to forward to Vice President Morin, Lennard Morin, and the Chief Executive Officer, a copy of the minutes received on June 15, 2016 from a group in Cumberland House.

7.9.3 Communications with the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF)

Mr. Shoforost reported that CCDF had declined the invitation to attend the July 8, 2016 PMC meeting, but had provided 100 copies of their Annual Reports for distribution at the MNLA.

Additionally, the CCDF requested that the names and resumes of the PMC's appointees to the CCDF Board of Directors be submitted within 60 days, or the CCDF would determine the appointees. A response will be sent to the CCDF acknowledging the request and confirming the pending election process.

Request for Action

It was requested that Ernst & Young invite a representative from the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) to meet with the MN-S PMC at a future meeting, to discuss the agreement between the CCDF and the MN-S.

Request for Action
It was requested that the provincial Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs be invited to attend a meeting with the Finance Committee, Ernst & Young and the Chief Executive Officer, regarding the agreement between the Province, the MN-S and the CCDF.

7.9.4 Security Camera
Mr. Shoforost reported that it was uncertain when the security camera over the MN-S entrance door had been removed.

7.10 National Economic Development Strategy
MNC President Clément Chartier acknowledged that Budget 2016 committed to providing $25 million over five years, beginning in 2016–17, to support economic development for the Métis Nation. He offered further comments regarding a number of different options and scenarios considered by the MNC on how best to deploy the funding allocation.

During discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) and CCDF expressed an interest in accessing a portion of the MN-S' allocation of economic development funding, to assist Métis entrepreneurs
- Additional processes and discussions related to the economic development fund with INAC, the Treasury Board, and others were still anticipated
- John Weinstein, MNC, could provide a briefing at an MN-S Finance Committee meeting
- The MNC Board of Governors agreed that the first year of funding would be distributed equally among the Governing Members, after providing for MNC and taking into account the need to engage women and youth; for the first year of funding, the MNC would receive $500,000 and the Governing Members would each receive $900,000.

It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)
That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council supports the distribution of economic development funding (committed to in Budget 2016-17) for years two through five, being based on the previously established funding formula of 25%, 25%, 25%, 12.5%, and 12.5%, which would amount each year to:

a) $1,125,000 for each Prairie Governing Member;
b) $562,500 each for the Métis Nation Ontario and Métis Nation of BC; and
c) $500,000 for the Métis National Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONCLUSION / CLOSING COMMENTS
The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held June 16, 2016 and July 8, 2016 concluded on July 8, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. Members commended the PMC's significant achievements over the past six months.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:
The following items were provided for information at the meeting on June 16, 2016:

1. Draft Minutes of the June 4 and 5, 2016 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan PMC Meeting
2. Biography of Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant
3. Minutes of the December 15, 2012 Youth Meeting

The following items were provided for information at the meeting on July 8, 2016:

4. Minutes of the December 12, 2015 Youth Council Meeting
5. Minutes of the June 26, 2016 Youth Council Meeting
6. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursement (for the period from February 18, 2016 to July 7, 2016)
7. General Ledger Report – Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., dated July 7, 2016
8. Lists of Regional Contacts
9. Correspondence from the President, Les Femmes Michif Otimpemisiwak, Women of the Métis Nation, dated May 27, 2015 recognizing Tammy Mah as representative of the Filles de Madeleine Association
10. The Métis Act, dated January 28, 2002
11. The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, amended September 9, 2008
12. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, amended September 9, 2008
13. Draft minutes of the Métis National Council General Assembly held June 17-18, 2016
14. Communication from John Weinstein, MNC, listing the Executive Directors of the MNC's Governing Members
15. Information on the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund titled "Continuing Our Journey"
16. MNC document titled "Canada-Métis Nation Framework Agreement to Advance and Achieve Reconciliation with the Métis Nation", dated 2016
17. Information on the MNC "Board of Governors discussion of Budget 2016 allocation of $25 million for the Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy"
18. Article titled "Real Change – Advancing and Achieving, Reconciliation for the Métis Nation"
19. Métis Economic Development Accord, between the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and the Métis National Council, effective March 18, 2015.