MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
September 10 and 11, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held September 10 and 11, 2016 in the Cosmopolitan Room, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 101 Pacific Ave, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Saturday, September 10, 2016

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Jaycee Bell
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
Chester Herman
Shelly Kapell
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Tammy Mah
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner
May Henderson
Penny Hurton

ALSO PRESENT:

Lana Bonnor, Observer
Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) (for Item 4.3) (arrived at 11:00 a.m. and departed at 12:05 p.m.)
Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
Senator Clayton Ward
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 6.6) (arrived at 3:05 p.m. and departed at 3:20 p.m.)
John Weinstein, Métis National Council (MNC) (for Item 4.3) (via teleconference) (arrived at 11:00 a.m. and departed at 12:05 p.m.)

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell, EY
Evan Shoforost, EY (for Item 6.5) (via teleconference) (arrived at 2:50 p.m. and departed at 3:20 p.m.)

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER

Vice-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. Senator Clayton Ward offered an Opening Prayer.

ROLL CALL and CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Vice-President Morin led the meeting in a round of self-introductions, and confirmed that a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Provincial Youth Council Representative
4. Review of the Minutes (July 22 and July 29, 2016 Meeting):
   - 4.1 Review of the Minutes
   - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
   - 4.3 Economic Development
5. Election:
   - 5.1 Swearing in of the Chief Electoral Officer
   - 5.2 Approval of the Election Budget
6. Updates:
   - 6.1 Update from the PMC Election Committee and the Chief Electoral Officer
   - 6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer
   - 6.3 Update from the Federal Government
   - 6.4 Update from the Finance Committee
   - 6.5 Update from the Expert Advisor – Ernst & Young LLP
   - 6.6 Update from Legal Counsel
7. Resolutions:
   - 7.1 Direction for EY to Repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors
8. Other Business:
   - 8.2 In-Camera Discussion
   - 8.3 MN-S Registry
   - 8.4 Batoche
   - 8.5 Next Meeting Dates

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 THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PROVINCIAL YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged the attendance of Provincial Youth Council (PYC) Vice President Jaycee Bell. It was noted that the PYC would appoint an interim President as the former President, Cody Breaton, had recently resigned.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accepts Jaycee Bell as the MN-S Provincial Youth Council representative on the PMC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (July 22 and 29, 2016 Meeting)

4.1 Review of the Minutes

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the July 22 and 29, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting, which had been circulated to members in advance.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the July 22 and 29, 2016 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the July 22 and 29, 2016 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

5. ELECTION

5.1 Swearing In of the Chief Electoral Officer (Fred Payton)

Senator Clayton Ward officiated in the administration of the Oath of Office and the swearing-in of Chief Electoral Officer, Fred Payton. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Payton on his appointment.

Mr. Payton welcomed comments on the election process, noting that printed copies of the revised Elections Act were provided at the meeting. He confirmed that the Elections Act, the MN-S Constitution, and the applicable local, provincial and federal regulations would guide the 2017 MN-S Election.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Payton confirmed that:

- The Election Committee Meeting held September 9, 2016 considered acceptable pieces of identification, which voters would be required to provide to confirm their eligibility to vote in the 2017 MN-S Election; a Métis citizenship card would be accepted as a secondary piece of identification
- The Election Budget included "Consultant Fees", which would accommodate an Elections Consultant, technical consultants, and others as required.

11:00 a.m.

Greg Fofonoff arrived at the meeting and John Weinstein joined the meeting via teleconference.

4.3 Economic Development

Mavis Taylor, CEO, referred the meeting to the PMC's July 22, 2016 resolution, related to the disbursement and administration of the MN-S' portion of the Métis National Council's (MNC's) economic development funding allocation.

John Weinstein, MNC, reviewed the MNC Board of Governors' decision regarding the allocation of the economic development funding and offered the following additional comments:

- The MNC Board of Governors:
  - Was requested to submit a proposal to Federal Government on how to allocate the economic development funds, shortly after the announcement of Budget 2016
  - Recognized benefits of flowing economic development funds from the Treasury Board through Métis Aboriginal financial institutions (AFIs), given that the AFI's reporting requirements were less onerous than for Métis governing members
  - Agreed that $1.5 million be retained by the MNC to continue efforts on the Métis Economic Development Strategy (MEDS), and that the remaining $23.5 million would be divided equally amongst the five Governing Members; $4.7 million would be directed to each of their respective AFIs, under the existing authorities
- MEDS recognizes economic development opportunities beyond financial institutions
- Métis AFIs could allocate economic development funds for small business loans and broader economic development purposes, through Métis-owned organizations.

Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), explained that SMEDCO provided small business loans to Métis-owned businesses that presented viable proposals. It was further noted that:

- SMEDCO had delivered a conditional grant program (with funding through INAC), from which $3 million had been disbursed, over the past three years
- SMEDCO was pleased with the opportunity to top-up the capital available for future economic development projects.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- SMEDCO could be designated as the AFI for MN-S to distribute the economic development

funds, in compliance with the provisos of the PMC's July 22, 2016 resolution
- The agreement with SMEDCO would need to be structured to enable broader access to the economic development funds (i.e. beyond small business loans)
- The PMC should be involved in the allocation of the economic development funds
- MN-S Representatives should participate on SMEDCO's Board of Directors.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Fofonoff clarified that SMEDCO's current agreement enabled SMEDCO to distribute funding as small business loans only. Some of the allocations indicated in the PMC's July 22, 2016 resolution were not "loans". As such, a new agreement between INAC and SMEDCO would be required, to specify the allowable allocations of the economic development funds.

Ms. Taylor, Mr. Fofonoff and Mr. Weinstein agreed to collaboratively review the draft agreement between INAC and SMEDCO, expected in the coming months, to ensure the PMC's July 22, 2016 directions were incorporated.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs:

a) That an Economic Development Committee be established to facilitate communications between the Chief Executive Officer and representatives from the Federal Government, the Métis National Council, and SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation, on the allocation of the economic development funds; and

a) That the following PMC members be appointed to the Economic Development Committee: Earl Cook, Helene Johnson, Derek Langan, Darlene McKay and Gerald Morin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Fofonoff agreed to communicate with Ms. Taylor to coordinate scheduling the Economic Development Committee's inaugural meeting.

12:05 p.m.

Mr. Fofonoff and Mr. Weinstein departed the meeting

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.3 MN-S Registry

The meeting recognized the importance of the MN-S Registry remaining transparent and at arms length from the President's office.

6. UPDATES

6.1 Update from the PMC Election Committee and the Chief Electoral Officer

Related information: "Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007", as amended July 29, 2016

Members questioned how eligibility to vote in the 2017 MN-S Election, would be confirmed. The Chief Electoral Officer clarified that:

- Voters will be required to sign an oath (indicated on Page 54 in the Elections Act) confirming their eligibility to vote
- There will be consequences to anyone participating in the election process in a manner contrary to the guidelines of the election.

During discussion on the 2017 MN-S Elections Process, it was confirmed that:

- The website will provide information on the 2017 MN-S Election (i.e. including identification required to confirm eligibility to vote)
- A lawyer involved in the 2007 MN-S Election process is sending electronic versions of the materials utilized in the 2007 MN-S Election process to the Chief Electoral Officer
- It is understood there will be a Regional Returning Officer in every Métis region; Deputy Returning Officers (hired by the Regional Returning Officer) will be at every poll.

During a discussion on polling stations for the 2017 MN-S Elections, the following comments were offered:

- Providing an updated list of local Presidents to the Chief Electoral Officer will assist in confirming poll locations
- Although the Election Budget indicates 65 voting static polls, this could be adjusted
- Mobile polling stations could be considered in some smaller locals; although static polling stations are required to remain open until 7:00 p.m., mobile polling stations are not
- The Chief Electoral Officer and the local President will collaboratively determine whether the appropriate polling station would be static or mobile.

During a discussion on the Elections Act, the following comments were offered:

- The Elections Act has been updated by Legal Counsel, to incorporate revisions approved by the PMC in 2008 and 2016
- The Finance Committee and Election Committee received the updated Elections Act, at their September 9, 2016 meetings
- The PMC is required to appoint a Complaints Officer and an Adjudication Officer
- Any appeals related to the election will require consideration by a judge.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to compile and distribute as soon as possible to Regional Representatives and Métis Local Presidents, a list of all members registered in the MN-S Registry (inclusive of their name, address, and the Métis local in which the member is registered).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council:

- Supports scheduling an Electoral Workshop to discuss the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act with regional representatives; and
- Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and Ernst & Young LLP to communicate with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada regarding funding required to hold the workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to administer all funds received, pertaining to the 2017 MN-S Election process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Approval of Election Budget

Related information: "Election Budget"

It was MOVED (Lela Arnold) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the "Election Budget", as presented.

CARRIED

(Tammy Mah abstained from the vote)

Chief Electoral Officer Payton confirmed that nominations for the 2017 MN-S Election would open at 9:00 a.m. on December 31, 2016 and close on January 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Co-Chair Morin suggested that Chief Electoral Officer Payton and the Elections Committee consider involving Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, in discussions related to the elections process, given his prior experience with First Nations election processes.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Taylor explained that the MN-S received minimal notice of an opportunity to submit a proposal for funding to participate in an environmental assessment process. A proposal for $750,000 was submitted on September 9, 2016 on behalf of the MN-S, to participate in the process. Ms. Taylor added that a resolution is required from the PMC approving the submission on the PMC's behalf.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council:

a) Authorizes Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada's federal departments or organizations, in relation to any type of consultation and/or engagement, in relation to any impacts of Métis rights;
b) Designates MN-S Vice President Gerald Morin as duly authorized signatory on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., for the purposes of signing the Contribution Agreement, the application for funding, or any other documents required under the Contribution Agreement; and
c) Authorizes Ernst & Young LLP, as Expert Advisor to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., to manage any related funds and/or expense claim processes and to receive any payments in relation to the Contribution Agreement.

CARRIED

(Helene Johnson and Shelly Kapell voted in opposition)

It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Helene Johnson)

That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the following 15 delegates attend the October 13 – 15, 2016 Métis National Council (MNC) Assembly in Vancouver, and requests that the MNC office be notified to make the appropriate arrangements for their attendance: Lela Arnold, Jaycee Bell, Michael Bell, Earl Cook, Chester Herman, Helene Johnson, Shelly Kapell, Billy Kennedy, Derek Langan, Glen McCallum, Darlene McKay, Tammy Mah, Gerald Morin, Lennard Morin and Gale Pelletier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:50 p.m.

Evan Shoforost joined the meeting via teleconference.

6.5 Update from the Expert Advisor – Ernst & Young LLP

Related information: "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from February 18, 2016 to September 6, 2016"

Michael Campbell, EY, referenced the statement provided and offered comments on:

- The first payment received from Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) for the MN-S library assets (for $300,000)
- Funds received to date for the 2017 MN-S Election, included under "INAC – General Funds".

3:05 p.m.

Jay Watson arrived at the meeting.

Evan Shoforost, EY, offered additional comments regarding:

- The organization's financial position, the total anticipated "cash available" amount of $1.9 million, and funds set aside to pay creditors
- Establishing a separate account specifically for the 2017 MN-S Election
- An audit required to ensure MN-S remained in good standing with the Corporations Branch.

Mr. Shoforost added that written requests to obtain financial records from MN-S subsidiary organizations had not been successful. It was suggested that receiving bank statements from the subsidiary organizations could negate some members' suggestions for a forensic audit.

6.4 Update from the Finance Committee

This update was included under Item 6.5.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Direction for EY to Repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors

The meeting was informed that as discussions with the RBC on the MN-S' outstanding loan were pending, an update would be provided to the PMC when information was available. It was further reported that the most recent invoice from Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel), indicated an outstanding balance of $17,821.75.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to pay the outstanding balance of $17,821.75 plus all prior invoices since 2013 owed to Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel), using the proceeds from the sale of the MN-S library.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Update from Legal Counsel

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, commented on:

- Progress towards confirming the transfer of title of the Batoche lands to "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc."
- An application submitted to the Court of Queens Bench, seeking resolution of an ongoing tenancy issue at the Batoche site
- Submission of a court application requesting financial records from the MN-S subsidiary corporations, under the *Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act.*

3:20 p.m.

Mr. Shoforost and Mr. Watson departed the meeting.

6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

Ms. Taylor reviewed some recent activities of the MN-S office, including:

- Submission of a funding proposal through the Urban Aboriginal Strategy
- Payment of The W Group invoice, for legal services provided in April and May 2012 for the Ron Lamabe and Bob Macleod court application
- Payment of the SaskTel invoice, for the MN-S office's land line; services provided by SaskTel have now been minimized to only one line; the current voicemail message indicates the office is closed until after the 2017 MN-S Election
- President Doucette's resignation from the GDI Board of Directors
- The anticipated final payment of $200,000 from GDI for the MN-S library assets upon receipt of the library asset inventory list from the MN-S
- Some PMC members' continued recognition of their previous portfolio assignments.

The meeting was informed that the MNC had agreed to fund two representatives from each Governing Member to attend an October 7, 2016 meeting in Ottawa, on the Indigenous component of the new National Housing Strategy, with representatives from the MNC, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, INAC and Employment and Social Development Canada.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the Métis National Council office be requested to make the appropriate travel arrangements for Darlene McKay and Derek Langan to attend the October 7, 2016 meeting in Ottawa, regarding the National Housing Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Update from the Federal Government

The meeting discussed the importance of reminding the Federal and Provincial Governments to engage with the MN-S on matters pertinent to Métis communities. Opportunities to apply for funding to enable the MN-S to consult meaningfully, should be pursued.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held September 10 and 11, 2016 adjourned on September 10, 2016 at 3:45 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on September 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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DATE: Sunday, September 11, 2016

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Jaycee Bell
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
Shelly Kapell
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Tammy Mah
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner
May Henderson
Chester Herman
Penny Hurton

ALSO PRESENT:

Lana Bonnor, Observer
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
Senator Clayton Ward

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVE:
Michael Campbell, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:
Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:
Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER
Co-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Glen McCallum offered an Opening Prayer

6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

Ms. Taylor suggested that there may be some flexibility in the "Election Budget" and that "Consulting Fees" could include unforeseen consultants' fees or legal costs. Additionally, $30,000 had been set-aside in the budget specifically for legal fees. The CEO agreed to discuss the amount available for potential legal costs with the Chief Electoral Officer, and to consult with the PMC if further consideration was required. The need for flexibility in the budget to accommodate court costs, and/or to retain a Complaints Officer or Adjudicator if required, was discussed.

6.2.1 Provincial Youth Council (PYC) Meeting

Members were requested to encourage the Regional Youth Representatives (one from each region) to contact Jaycee Bell, Vice Chair, Provincial Youth Council. It was suggested that funding be made available for Regional Youth Representatives to attend a Provincial Youth Council meeting in Saskatoon, utilizing proceeds from the sale of the MN-S library assets.

It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that funding be provided to allow one Regional Youth Representative from each region to attend:

- A Provincial Youth Council meeting, in Saskatoon; and
- The November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session and November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop, in Saskatoon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.2 Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO): Women of the Métis Nation

It was noted that the LFMO: Women of the Métis Nation Annual General Meeting (AGM) was tentatively scheduled October 8, 2016 in Saskatoon. Ten delegates from each province would be invited to attend. The two regions that had not yet submitted names of representatives to attend the AGM, were requested to convey their designates' names to Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles de Madeleine.

6.3 Update from the Federal Government

Mr. Marcoux referenced the 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and commended the PMC for its successes and achievements to date.

6.3.1 MN-S Designated Point of Contact

Related information: MN-S Local Presidents and Regional Representatives' Contact Information

During discussion on establishing a process to enable federal and provincial government agencies to communicate efficiently with the MN-S prior to 2017 MN-S Election, the following comments were offered:

- Federal and provincial agencies could convey Métis-specific issues to a designated contact at the MN-S, to subsequently dispatch to the appropriate regional representative
- Involving experts with the appropriate knowledge is critical in consultation discussions; there is often a lack of capacity to intervene in activities impacting Métis communities.

It was suggested that a future strategic planning session be held to discuss government's relationship with the MN-S, implications of the *Daniels* decision, and how the MN-S could collaborate with various federal agencies.

Request for Action

It was requested that PMC members review the chart listing MN-S Local Presidents' and Regional Representatives' contact information, and submit any revisions to the Chief Executive Officer as soon as possible; the updated information will be posted on the MN-S website.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that effective immediately, and until the 2017 MN-S election of the new MN-S government:

a) The MN-S Chief Executive Officer be the designated first point of contact to which federal and other government agencies convey Métis-specific issues; and
b) Any Métis-specific issues received by the Chief Executive Officer will be subsequently dispatched to the appropriate MN-S Regional Representative or otherwise, as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.2 Funding for Consultation Coordination

Mr. Marcoux suggested that funding could be available after the MN-S 2017 election, for the MN-S to establish a new approach for engaging in consultation processes.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Other Métis organizations' approaches to coordinating consultation processes
- The feasibility of MN-S seeking funding to cover office expenses, travel, meetings, etc. for a designated Consultation Coordinator.

6.3.3 Workshop

The meeting discussed scheduling a workshop for the PMC and local MN-S Presidents, at which consistent messaging could be shared on the 2017 MN-S Election process.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Costs associated with bringing local MN-S Presidents and the PMC together for a workshop
- Access to funding through the Federal Government to contribute to a workshop (potentially $50,000); additional funding could be pursued through the Provincial Government
- The feasibility of redirecting any unspent funds previously set aside for MN-S regional meetings ($5,000 per region) towards the cost of a workshop
- Dedicating a one day session to presentations by federal government agency representatives
- Dedicating a one-day workshop specifically to reviewing the 2017 MN-S Election process.

Request for Action

It was requested that local MN-S Presidents and members of the Provincial Métis Council, Provincial Youth Council and Les Filles de Madeleine, be invited to attend the following two events to be scheduled in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

- *An Engagement and Consultation Session on November 19, 2016, to receive presentations from some federal government agency representatives (i.e. Canadian Environment Assessment Agency, the Saskatchewan INAC Regional Office, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada, etc.); and*
- *An Electoral Workshop on November 20, 2016, to receive information regarding the 2017 MN-S Election process.*

Request for Action

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, agreed to:

- *Collaborate with the MN-S Chief Executive Officer and Ernst & Young LLP via conference call in the coming weeks to discuss details related to scheduling the November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session and the November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop;*
- *Invite federal agency representatives to present at the November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session; and*
- *Provide assistance and expertise to the MN-S Chief Executive Officer as needed, regarding the November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop.*

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

6. UPDATES (Continued)

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council receives and approves the updates provided under Item 6 of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 Directions for EY to repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors (Continued)

Mr. Campbell confirmed that an update on the repayment of the outstanding RBC loan would be provided at the next meeting, and that bills for the functioning of the organization (utilities, rent etc.) had been paid.

8.4 Batoche

Thanks were extended to the Darlene McKay, Chair of the Back to Batoche Committee, the Back to Batoche Committee, and the Federal Government for their contributions to the coordination of Back to Batoche 2016. Lennard Morin was applauded for his efforts related to the veterans monument. Ms. McKay confirmed that the Back to Batoche Committee would be prioritizing workplan tasks for the Batoche site, noting that the condition of the ball diamond would be addressed.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports maintaining the current 2016 Back to Batoche Committee membership, for the 2017 and 2018 Back to Batoche festivals.

CARRIED

(One member voted in opposition)

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports collaborating with the Gabriel Dumont Institute to install a permanent plaque at the Batoche Veterans Monument, to recognize its funders and Lennard Morin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Recessed – In-Camera Discussion

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. for a brief in-camera discussion, and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. with the same persons present.

8.5 Next Meeting Dates

Co-Chair Morin suggested that two PMC meetings be held prior to December 2016.

It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the next Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be held October 22 and 23, 2016 (possibly October 22, 2016 only) in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held September 10 and 11, 2016 concluded on September 11, 2016 at 11:45 a.m.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following items were provided for information at the meeting:

1. Draft Minutes of the July 22 and 29, 2016 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
3. Draft Minutes of the July 31, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Annual General Assembly
4. Correspondence from Betchar Holdings regarding an extension of the lease at 231 Robin Crescent, dated July 27, 2016
5. Engagement letter between the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. and Lorne Gibson, Election Management Consultant, dated August 3, 2016
6. Correspondence from President Doucette regarding "Notice for PMC Meeting on September 10 and 11, 2016", dated August 29, 2016, and attached correspondence from The W Law Group dated May 29, 2012
7. Record of Motions, Resolutions & Amendments, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held September 8-9, 2008 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
8. Record of Motions, Resolutions & Amendments, Annual General Assembly held September 8-9, 2008 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
9. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008
10. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended April 21, 2007
11. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate Act, amended September 9, 2008
12. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate Act, ratified November 6, 1999
13. The "Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007", as amended July 29, 2016
14. Correspondence from the W Law Group, dated April 25, 2012 and attached invoice
15. Press release titled "Saskatchewan Métis Leaders Argue Over Length of Mandate for Executive Council", dated September 9, 2016
16. Email correspondence between EY and MNC regarding economic development funding
17. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from February 18, 2016 to September 6, 2016
18. Chart listing MN-S Local Presidents and Regional Representatives' Contact Information.