MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16 and 17, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held April 16 and 17, 2016 in the Madison Room, at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Regina Downtown, 1907 11th Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2016

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Cecile Blanke, Observer
MNC President Clément Chartier, Presenter (for Item 5.5)
Chigal Daniels, Observer
Dr. Robert Henry, Presenter (for Item 5.1)
Karen Larocque, Presenter (for Item 5.3)
Charlene Lavallee, Observer
Verna McCallum, Observer
W. McKenzie, Observer
Ashley Norton, Observer
Reina Sinclair, Observer
Dr. Caroline Tait, Presenter (for Item 5.1)
Mavis Taylor, Observer
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 5.2)

ERNST & YOUNG REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell, Ernst & Young (EY)
Evan Shoforost, EY

INAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) (Saskatchewan)
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER

President Robert Doucette called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

WELCOMING COMMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

President Doucette welcomed attendees to the meeting. Lennard Morin offered an Opening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

President Doucette confirmed that quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its April 16 and 17, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of Co-Chairs
3. Adoption of the Minutes (March 4 and 5, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting)
   - 3.1 Review of the Minutes
   - 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Adoption of the Minutes (March 31, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting)
   - 4.1 Review of the Minutes
   - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Updates:
   - 5.1 Health Data Governance, Dr. Robert Henry and Dr. Caroline Tait
   - 5.2 Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Jay Watson, Legal Counsel
   - 5.3 Back to Batoche Committee, Darlene McKay
   - 5.4 Government Funding, Richard Quintal
   - 5.5 Métis National Council (MNC), President Clément Chartier
     - 5.5.1 Daniels Decision Ramifications
     - 5.5.2 Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. (MLREF)
   - 5.6 Saskatchewan Heritage, Gareth Evans, Heritage Designations Advisor
6. Other Business:
   - 6.1 Delta Métis Local 42 (Cumberland)
   - 6.2 Recent Social Media Posts

CARRIED (160416-01)

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 (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the April 16 and 17, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED (160416-02)

2. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS

Members discussed the importance of the Co-Chairs remaining for the duration of the meeting. President Doucette was unable to commit to remaining at the meeting until it concluded. As such, the meeting appointed Vice President Gerald Morin and Helene Johnson as Co-Chairs.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Gerald Morin and Helene Johnson as Co-Chairs for the April 16 and 17, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED (160416-03)
(May Henderson and Penny Hurton voted in opposition)
(Derek Langan abstained from the vote)

Observers present were welcomed to observe but not participate in the meeting's discussions. Comments from Observers could be conveyed through their respective Regional Directors.

Discussion ensued regarding the Supreme Court of Canada's April 14, 2016 announcement of its decision on the *Daniels* case, attendance at the announcement, and ensuing statements in media.

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

3.1 Review of the Minutes

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

3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the March 4 and 5, 2016 meeting, and discussed business (and other items) arising from the minutes.

During discussion on Page 11, Item 11.6 (MNC Registry Meeting / CSA Standing Committee), it was requested that the spelling of Karen Larocque's name be corrected.

During discussion on Page 13, Item 11.10 (Appointment of Additional Delegates for the March 30 and 31, 2016 MNC Policy Conference), invitations extended to PMC members were acknowledged.

During discussion on Page 14, Item 11.11 (MN-S Library and Other Assets), it was suggested that some potential options be considered, which could enable the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) to purchase the MN-S Library. Members noted that proceeds from the sale of the MN-S Library could pay off the MN-S' outstanding debt to the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), before they evoked their legal right to liquidate the organization's assets.

The PMC's collaborative efforts to focus on moving forward to a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and election were commended.

It was MOVED (Chester Herman) and SECONDED (Gerald Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the March 4 and 5, 2016 meeting, with an amendment to correct the spelling of Karen Larocque's name, on Page 11.

CARRIED (160416-04)
(President Doucette, May Henderson and Penny Hurton voted in opposition)

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES (March 31, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting)

4.1 Review of the Minutes

Co-Chair Johnson referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the March 31, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the March 31, 2016 meeting, and discussed business (and other items) arising from the minutes.

President Doucette confirmed that he received information to participate in the March 31, 2016 meeting via teleconference, but was regrettably unable to attend.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED (160416-05)

(President Doucette and Penny Hurton voted in opposition)

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

5. UPDATES

5.3 Back to Batoche Committee

Darlene McKay, Chair, Back to Batoche Committee, invited Karen Larocque to provide an update on Back to Batoche 2016, scheduled July 14 to 16, 2016. Ms. Larocque reported that:

- Incorporation documents and an entity number were forthcoming from the Saskatchewan Corporate Registry
- Campsites for Back to Batoche 2016 were already being reserved
- A toll-free Back to Batoche 2016 phone line will soon be posted on the Facebook page
- Sponsorship opportunities are being discussed with the provincial Métis organizations.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- An offer to improve (free of charge) the baseball diamond after Back to Batoche 2016
- Upgrades planned to the grounds prior to Back to Batoche 2016
- Funding from GDI for the July 16, 2016 Veteran's monument unveiling ceremony (Lennard Morin will be asked to provide comments at the ceremony)
- Invitations being extended to attend Back to Batoche 2016 (including to Prime Minister Trudeau)
- Children's activities planned (including cultural beadwork and dancing, temporary tattoos, etc.)
- Seeking sponsor to provide funding for a future stationary children's playground.

Co-Chair Johnson read aloud a letter from Roland Duplessis, Chief Executive Officer, Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF), in response to the Chair, Back to Batoche Committee's request for funding, based on CCDF's past donations for upgrades to the Batoche grounds, entertainment, etc. (see attached "List of Information Items").

Request for Action
President Doucette agreed to assist Darlene McKay, Chair, Back to Batoche Committee, in drafting a response to Roland Duplessis, Chief Executive Officer, Clarence Campeau Development Fund, explaining the reasons for the request for funding for updates to the Batoche grounds.

Guest Arrived
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, joined the meeting via teleconference at 11:05 a.m.

5.2 Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, advised that RBC's Legal Counsel has been informed that the MN-S' funding will likely be reinstated, pending some further processes. RBC subsequently requested updates and assurances that the debt will be paid. Comments were offered on the debt owed to the RBC (approximately $300,000), the validity of the debt, and the RBC's legal right to seize the organization's assets.

Mr. Watson confirmed his interest in continuing to work with the PMC and its Finance Committee, and to provide updates on how to proceed in the matter with RBC, as required.

Guest Departed
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, departed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

5.1 Health Data Governance

Dr. Robert Henry and Dr. Caroline Tait discussed a health data governance project they were working on, which would conclude by September 2016. They offered comments regarding:

- Consideration needed on why, how and by whom, Métis-specific health information should be collected, used or shared, which may not be consistent with the First Nations' approach
- Data currently collected on committed or attempted suicides, which did not (but should) differentiate between Métis, First Nations or Indigenous citizens
- Control required over Métis-specific data; First Nations principles of ownership, control access and possession (OCAP™), have been established over First Nations-specific data
- Potentially establishing an agreement with a provincial organization equipped to store Métis-specific electronic health data in Saskatchewan (i.e. GDI).

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A prevention group in Pine House Lake, which meets weekly to consider critical issues such as suicide and alcohol/drug abuse; the group could discuss this project
- Appropriate processes for researchers coming into Métis communities
- Benefits of having Métis-specific health data to justify a need for programming and funding
- Higher suicide and unemployment rates anticipated in remote communities.

Dr. Tait agreed to communicate with Darlene McKay, Minister of Health, to confirm five or six PMC representatives (including Earl Cook, Chester Herman and Darlene McKay) to participate on the project's Advisory Committee and in discussions on data governance. She confirmed:

- Committee members will receive tools and resources to support their participation
- Travel costs associated with their participation will be covered; two or three committee meetings are anticipated.

Dr. Tait agreed to contact Dr. Carrie Bourassa, University of Regina, and Dr. Vivian Ramsden, University of Saskatchewan, regarding any Métis-specific health information they may have collected, where the data was stored, and how it had been managed. Additionally, Dr. Tait agreed to share with the PMC, a paper on suicide that had been submitted to the Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health.

Recess
The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

5.3 Back to Batoche Committee (Continued)

During further discussion regarding Back to Batoche 2016, comments were offered regarding:

- Maintenance promptly required to the Batoche grounds, the main house (exterior and roof), and bathrooms on the Batoche grounds (including some plumbing repairs)
- Changes to transform the main house into an administration office for Batoche
- Notice issued to the tenants of the main house on April 3, 2016, to vacate the premises by May 3, 2016, and their reply that the matter proceed in accordance with the *Residential Tenancy Act* (see attached "List of Information Items")
- A rental agreement signed by President Doucette and the tenants, agreeing they would reside rent-free in the main house until October 2017, in exchange for lawn and property maintenance; the basement of the house was used for Batoche Local 51 meetings.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept for information, the update from the Back to Batoche Committee, provided by Darlene McKay.

CARRIED (160416-06)

5.5 Métis National Council (MNC) President Clément Chartier

5.5.1 Daniels Decision

MNC President Chartier explained that the Supreme Court of Canada's April 14, 2016 announcement recognized that the federal government's duties and responsibilities applied to all three of Canada's Indigenous peoples, including the Métis. The meeting reviewed and discussed the following items (see attached "List of Information Items"):

- The MNC's April 14, 2016 press release titled "Supreme Court of Canada Affirms Canada has a Constitutional and Jurisdictional Responsibility to Deal with the Métis Nation"
- Summaries prepared by Jason Madden titled "Who Has Legislative Jurisdiction in Relation to the Métis? An Update on the *Harry Daniels v. Canada* Case" and "Another Chapter in the Pursuit of Reconciliation and Redress"
- The presentation titled "What on Earth is Section 91 (24)", initially presented in 2013 (and updated in 2015), which helped explain the impact of the Daniels decision
- Key points provided in the documents titled "Summary on Daniels v. Canada" and "The Daniels Case, Frequently Asked Questions".

During further discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- The federal government's commitment to negotiate with the Métis on a nation-to-nation basis, and Budget 2016's reference to $25 million for a Métis Economic Development Strategy
- A report pending from Ministerial Special Representative Tom Isaac towards mapping out a process for dialogue on Section 35 Métis rights; and, on options for advancing dialogue on reconciliation with Métis in Manitoba in response to the 2013 *Manitoba Metis Federation et al. v. Canada* decision of the Supreme Court of Canada
- Efforts to promptly arrange a Crown / Métis Nation Summit with Ministerial representatives, to address a number of key issues (the Prime Minister will be invited to participate).

Recess
The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

5.5.2 Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation (MLREF) Inc.

The meeting discussed the initial intent of the MLREF in 2002, to provide access as required, to free legal services for Métis court cases. Additional comments were offered regarding:

- The MLREF's application for charitable status to enable fundraising efforts to proceed, which was subsequently denied
- A number of cases the MLREF legal team had taken on including: a Métis hunter charged for shooting a moose decoy, a Métis fisherman charged for fishing without a license, and a reactivated land claim case in Ile a la Crosse
- Members of the MLREF legal team, who provided pro bono legal services, including Clément Chartier, Kathy Hodgson-Smith and Dwayne Roth.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Efforts to pursue recognition of hunting rights for Métis people in Saskatchewan
- The status of the Belhumeur case
- The MLREF's current defense of three Métis hunters and fishermen in a court case being heard on May 4 2016 in Prince Albert; expert witnesses for the case will be heard in Meadowlake in June 2016
- Mr. Chartier's representation of the MN-S as Legal Counsel since 1994, on a claim to lands in Northwest Saskatchewan (no fees for his legal services had been charged).

Change in Chair
Co-Chair Morin assumed the Chair at 4:03 p.m.

The MN-S' decision confirmed at the 1994 MNLA regarding the Northwest Saskatchewan land claim, was acknowledged.

Change in Chair
Co-Chair Johnson assumed the Chair at 4:04 p.m.

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

Whereas the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), the Métis National Council (MNC), several scrip recipients and Elders, and Local Presidents filed a Statement of Claim to the lands of Northwest Saskatchewan in March 1994; and

Whereas the Court of Queen's Bench has stayed the case since 2004 to allow for the Métis plaintiffs to provide further disclosure of requested documents by the federal government; and

Whereas the last law firm in Saskatoon which was retained by the MN-S PMC withdrew its services in 2008 due to a lack of fiscal capacity on the part of the MN-S; and

Whereas the federal government is prepared to engage in a reconciliation process with the Métis Nation as represented by the MNC and its Governing Members, including the MN-S; and

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada on April 14, 2016 ruled that Métis are included in the term "Indians" in s. 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867;* and

Whereas the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. is currently defending three Métis hunters and fishermen from Meadow Lake and Chitek Lake, which are part of the Métis rights bearing community in Saskatchewan; and

Whereas there is a need to engage the representation of a law firm to address the outstanding issues of the Statement of Claim and pursue negotiations regarding Métis access to and governance over the lands of Northwest Saskatchewan as a test case;

Therefore be it resolved that the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council hereby retains the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. to provide the legal services required by the litigation and/or to assist the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to pursue an out of court resolution through any means, including the upcoming reconciliation process flowing from Ministerial Special Representative Tom Isaac's report.

CARRIED (160416-07)
(President Doucette voted in opposition)
(May Henderson and Penny Hurton abstained from the vote)

Thanks were extended to Clément Chartier, Kathy Hodgson-Smith, and others involved with the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. for their significant contributions to the achievements of the Métis Nation

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held April 16 and 17, 2016 adjourned at 4:25 p.m. on April 16, 2016 after agreeing to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on April 17, 2016.

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DATE: Sunday, April 17, 2016

PRESENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Michael Bell
Earl Cook (departed at 12:20 p.m.)
May Henderson (departed at 12:20 p.m.)
Chester Herman
Penny Hurton (departed at 12:20 p.m.)
Shelly Kapell
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Tammy Mah
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Lennard Morin

ALSO PRESENT:

Cecile Blanke, Observer
Chigal Daniels, Observer
Gareth Evans, Presenter (for Item 5.6)
Wendy Gervais, Observer
W. McKenzie, Observer
Reina Sinclair, Observer
Mavis Taylor, Observer

ERNST & YOUNG REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell, Ernst & Young (EY)
Evan Shoforost, EY

INAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) (Saskatchewan)
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Delta Métis Local 42 (Cumberland House)

Lennard Morin expressed concerns regarding efforts by a group in Cumberland to form an unauthorized Métis local, within the jurisdiction of Delta Métis Local 42 (Cumberland House).

During discussion, it was confirmed that in accordance with MN-S Constitution, a local was not recognized until it had been accepted by the Regional Council and ratified by the MNLA

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council request that Earl Cook assist Lennard Morin in drafting:

- A letter to be sent to a recently formed local in Cumberland House, with a copy to the existing Delta Métis Local 42 (Cumberland House), explaining the process outlined in the MN-S Constitution for establishing a new local; and
- A separate letter to Bill Boyd, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, informing that Delta Métis Local 42 was the appropriate local with which to communicate in Cumberland House.

CARRIED (160417-01)

(President Doucette, May Henderson and Penny Hurton voted in opposition)

6.2 Recent Social Media Posts

Lela Arnold expressed concerns regarding some recent social media posts.

5.6 Government of Saskatchewan *Heritage Property Act*

Gareth Evans, Heritage Designations Advisor, Ministry or Parks, Culture and Sport, led the meeting in a review of an overhead presentation titled "Heritage Property Act" (see attached "List of Information Items") and offered information regarding:

- The intent of the *Heritage Property Act* to prevent from any authorized changes; heritage-designated properties cannot be torn down or altered without prior approval
- Steps involved in the municipal and provincial heritage property designation processes
- The Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, which provides access to grant funds for foundation and exterior repairs
- The ability to apply for heritage designation to specific elements of a site (i.e. the Batoche festival site and/or the monument only).

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Members discussed seeking heritage designations for the Batoche site and the buildings on the Batoche site, and potentially reducing approximately $24,000 in annual taxes.

Request for Action

Tammy Mah agreed to draft a template letter of support for designating the Batoche site and the buildings on the Batoche site as "Heritage Sites", which PMC members could complete accordingly and submit via fax or email to Darlene McKay.

5.4 Government Funding

5.4.1 Components of a New Funding Agreement

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), offered comments on an interim three-month funding agreement anticipated April 18, 2016, intended to enable EY to continue as the MN-S' independent Expert Advisor. Additionally, he acknowledged that the PMC had directed EY to administer the receipt and disbursement of funds related to Back to Batoche 2016.

The following potential components of a new funding agreement, were discussed:

- Funding to keep EY in place as the MN-S Expert Advisor until March 31, 2017 (to safeguard the MN-S assets, pay rent and utilities, etc.)
- Funding to support a MN-S Executive Director position
- A communications plan:
  - Focussed on providing positive updates of upcoming events
  - Communications support available through INAC (i.e. a joint press release could explain the MN-S' path forward)
- Up to a total of ten meetings of the PMC and the PMC's subcommittees (namely the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Committee and the Finance Committee):
  - The PMC's subcommittees will report back to the PMC on its decisions
  - The PMC and PMC's subcommittees will focus on supporting the 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and the 2016 MN-S Election process
- Funding for twelve Regional Council meetings, leading up to the MNLA
- The 2016 MNLA and General Assembly (on July 30 and 31, 2016 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan)
- The 2016 MN-S Election (on September 3, 2016), which will be facilitated by a third party, following the 2007 MN-S Election process.

During discussion, additional comments were offered regarding:

- The intent of the interim funding agreement to enable EY to continue as the MN-S' independent Expert Advisor on a three-month basis (including safeguarding the MN-S assets, paying rent/utilities, and the April 16 and 17, 2016 PMC Meeting)
- The intent of the new funding agreement, to enable EY to continue as the MN-S' independent Expert Advisor to the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2017 (including the MNLA, General Assembly, Election, and meetings leading up to these events)
- The need to schedule a Finance Committee meeting with EY to assist in preparing Ministerial reports for the MNLA, and to review expenses listed previously by EY
- Potentially tasking the previously selected MN-S Chief Executive Officer to assist EY as an Executive Director in efforts leading up to the MNLA
- INAC's ability to estimate a budget for the MN-S MNLA, based on MNLA costs of other governing members
- The role a Chief Electoral Officer at the MNLA, which will be assigned to an appropriate third party (i.e. EY).

5.4.2 Sale of the MN-S Library

The meeting discussed the feasibility of selling the MN-S' historic library to the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) rather than to the Manitoba Metis Federation. GDI's interest in the MN-S historic library, was acknowledged.

At the request of the Mover and Seconder, and with the consent of the PMC, it was agreed that the following resolution passed by the PMC on March 31, 2016, be duly rescinded:

> *"That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept the offer from the Manitoba Metis Federation to purchase the MN-S historic library (inclusive of the microfiche and map collection) for the amount of $500,000".*

It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept the offer from the Gabriel Dumont Institute to purchase the MN-S historic library (inclusive of the microfiche and map collection) for the amount of $500,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (160417-02)

Members acknowledged the PMC's March 5, 2016 resolution which specified that the MN-S' historic library excluded genealogy information (as listed in the catalogues presented to the MN-S PMC on March 4, 2016), and was contingent on the library items being accessible to the MN-S and Métis across the homeland.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.3 Ernst & Young Directives

During discussion on the roles of the Expert Advisor, comments were offered regarding:

- A response to EY's request for financial information (i.e. detailed cash disbursements and bank statements) related to the MN-S affiliates (see attached "List of Information Items")
- An outstanding amount still owed to Darlene McKay for past conference call costs
- The involvement of a Executive Director (previously selected as the MN-S Chief Executive Officer) to assist EY in preparing for the MNLA
- A corporate solicitor required to advise the MN-S as needed, to help ensure transparency
- The Finance Committee's potential review of the new funding agreement via conference call
- The intent that salaries for elected officials would not be negotiated, until after regular funding levels returned.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that Robert Lafontaine provide to Ernst & Young, financial information (including detailed cash disbursements and bank statements) related to MN-S affiliates (including the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation and Round Prairie Ventures Inc.), for the purpose of informing the PMC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (160417-03)

5.4.1 Components of a New Funding Agreement (Continued)

During further discussion on the new funding agreement, additional comments were offered on:

- Tasking an interim Executive Director to assist in advancing the MN-S' tasks and information, and to keep meeting agendas focused
- A detailed report compiled by the MN-S' former Chief Electoral Officer explaining the 2007 Election process (to be provided to EY).

Members Departed

Earl Cook, May Henderson and Penny Hurton departed the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports the proposed funding agreement presented to the PMC on April 17, 2016 by Richard Quintal, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, which could include the following components:

1. Ongoing funding to keep Ernst & Young in place as the MN-S Expert Advisor until March 31, 2017 (for safeguarding the MN-S assets, payment of rent and utilities, etc.)
2. Funding to support a MN-S Executive Director position
3. A communications plan
4. Up to a total of ten meetings of the PMC and the PMC's subcommittees (the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Committee and the Finance Committee), specifically focussed on supporting the 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and the 2016 MN-S Election processes
5. Twelve Regional Council meetings
6. The 2016 MNLA and General Assembly (on July 30 and 31, 2016 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan)
7. The 2016 MN-S Election (on September 3, 2016), which will be facilitated by a third party, following the 2007 MN-S Election process.

CARRIED (160417-04)

(President Doucette voting in opposition)

Thanks were extended to INAC Representatives, Richard Quintal and Charles Marcoux for their continued support of the MN-S PMC.

7. NEXT PMC MEETING

It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the next Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be held May 14 and 15, 2016 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED (160417-05)

CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held April 16 and 17, 2016 concluded on April 17, 2016 at 12:40 p.m.

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following items were provided for information at the meeting:

Items provided or referenced by MNC President Clément Chartier:

1. MNC's April 14, 2016 press release titled "Supreme Court of Canada Affirms Canada has a Constitutional and Jurisdictional Responsibility to Deal with the Métis Nation"
2. Summary prepared by Jason Madden titled "Who Has Legislative Jurisdiction in Relation to the Métis? An Update on the *Harry Daniels v. Canada* Case"
3. Summary prepared by Jason Madden titled "Another Chapter in the Pursuit of Reconciliation and Redress"
4. Document titled "The Daniels Case, Frequently Asked Questions"
5. Presentation titled "What on Earth is Section 91 (24)", initially presented in 2013 (and updated in 2015
6. Document titled "Summary on Daniels v. Canada"
7. Supreme Court of Canada's judgement on Daniels v. Canada (Indian Affairs and Northern Development), dated April 14, 2016

Additional information items:

8. Correspondence from Roland Duplessis, CEO, Clarence Campeau Development Fund, responding to the Chair, Back to Batoche Committee's April 6, 2016 written request for funding
9. Correspondence from Charlene Lavalee dated April 15, 2016, disputing the April 3, 2016 notice received to vacate the main house on the Batoche grounds
10. Printed copy of an overhead presentation titled "Heritage Property Act"
11. Correspondence between Ernst & Young and Robert Lafontaine, related to providing a cash disbursement journal and bank statements for MN-S affiliates
12. Correspondence from Ernst & Young outlining the terms of engagement with the MN-S, dated April 16, 2016
13. Correspondence from Ernst & Young outlining the terms of engagement with the MN-S, dated February 17, 2016
14. Ernst & Young document titled "Interim Statement of Receipts and Disbursements", showing funds held in trust for the MN-S, dated April 12, 2016

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16 and 17, 2016
List of Resolutions and Requests for Action (*indicated in italics*)

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
1. Approval of the Agenda That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its April 16 and 17, 2016 meeting: 1. Appointment of Recording Secretary 2. Appointment of Co-Chairs 3. Adoption of the March 4-5, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting Minutes: 3.1 Review of the Minutes 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes 4. Adoption of the March 31, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting Minutes: 4.1 Review of the Minutes 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes 5. Updates: 5.1 Health Data Governance, Dr. Robert Henry and Dr. Caroline Tait 5.2 Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Jay Watson, Legal Counsel 5.3 Back to Batoche Committee, Darlene McKay 5.4 Government Funding, Richard Quintal 5.5 Métis National Council, President Clément Chartier 5.5.1 Daniels Decision Ramifications 5.5.2 Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. 5.6 Saskatchewan Heritage, Gareth Evans, Heritage Designations Advisor 6. Other Business: 6.1 Delta Métis Local 42 (Cumberland) 6.2 Recent Social Media Posts	Complete
2. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the April 16 and 17, 2016 meeting.	Complete
3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Gerald Morin and Helene Johnson as Co-Chairs for the April 16 and 17, 2016 meeting.	Complete
4. Review of the Minutes – March 4-5, 2016 PMC Meeting That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the March 4 and 5, 2016 meeting, with an amendment to correct the spelling of Karen Larocque's name, on Page 11.	Complete
5. Review of the Minutes – March 31, 2016 That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting.	Complete

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6. Back to Batoche Committee *President Doucette agreed to assist Darlene McKay, Chair, Back to Batoche Committee, in drafting a response to Roland Duplessis, Chief Executive Officer, Clarence Campeau Development Fund, explaining the reasons for the request for funding for updates to the Batoche grounds.*	
7. Back to Batoche Committee That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept for information, the update on the Back to Batoche Committee, provided by Darlene McKay.	Complete
8. Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation (MLREF) Inc. Whereas the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), the Métis National Council (MNC), several script recipients and Elders, and Local Presidents filed a Statement of Claim to the lands of Northwest Saskatchewan in March 1994; and Whereas the Court of Queen's Bench has stayed the case since 2004 to allow for the Métis plaintiffs to provide further disclosure of requested documents by the federal government; and Whereas the last law firm in Saskatoon which was retained by the MN-S PMC withdrew its services in 2008 due to a lack of fiscal capacity on the part of the MN-S; and Whereas the federal government is prepared to engage in a reconciliation process with the Métis Nation as represented by the MNC and its Governing Members, including the MN-S; and Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada on April 14, 2016 ruled that Métis are included in the term "Indians" in s. 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867;* and Whereas the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. is currently defending three Métis hunters and fishermen from Meadow Lake and Chitek Lake, which are part of the Métis rights bearing community in Saskatchewan; and Whereas there is a need to engage the representation of a law firm to address the outstanding issues of the Statement of Claim and pursue negotiations regarding Métis access to and governance over the lands of Northwest Saskatchewan as a test case; Therefore be it resolved that the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council hereby retains the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. to provide the legal services required by the litigation and/or to assist the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to pursue an out of court resolution through any means, including the upcoming reconciliation process flowing from Ministerial Special Representative Tom Isaac's report.	

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9. Delta Métis Local 42 (Cumberland House) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council request that Earl Cook assist Lennard Morin in drafting: • a letter to be sent to a recently formed local in Cumberland House, copied to the existing Delta Métis Local 42 (Cumberland House) explaining the process outlined in the MN-S Constitution for establishing a new local; and • a separate letter to Bill Boyd, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, informing that Delta Métis Local 42 was the appropriate local with which to communicate in Cumberland House.	
10. Government of Saskatchewan Heritage Property Act *Tammy Mah agreed to draft a template letter of support for designating the Batoche site and the buildings on the Batoche site as "Heritage Sites", which PMC members could complete accordingly, and submit via fax or email to Darlene McKay.*	
11. Sale of the MN-S Library At the request of the Mover and Seconder, and with the consent of the PMC, it was agreed that the following resolution passed by the PMC on March 31, 2016, be duly rescinded: *"That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept the offer from the Manitoba Metis Federation to purchase the MN-S historic library (inclusive of the microfiche and map collection) for the amount of $500,000".*	
12. Sale of the MN-S Library That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept the offer from the Gabriel Dumont Institute to purchase the MN-S historic library (inclusive of the microfiche and map collection) for the amount of $500,000.	
13. Ernst & Young Directives That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that Robert Lafontaine provide to Ernst & Young, financial information (including detailed cash disbursements and bank statements) related to MN-S affiliates (including the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation and Round Prairie Ventures Inc.), for the purpose of informing the PMC.	

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14. Components of a New Funding Agreement (Continued) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports the proposed funding agreement presented to the PMC on April 17, 2016 by Richard Quintal, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, which could include the following components: 1. Ongoing funding to keep Ernst & Young in place as the MN-S Expert Advisor until March 31, 2017 (for safeguarding the MN-S assets, payment of rent and utilities, etc.) 2. Funding to support a MN-S Executive Director position 3. A communications plan 4. Up to a total of ten meetings of the PMC and the PMC's subcommittees (the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Committee and the Finance Committee), specifically focussed on supporting the 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and the 2016 MN-S Election processes 5. Twelve Regional Council meetings 6. The 2016 MNLA and General Assembly (on July 30 and 31, 2016 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan) 7. The 2016 MN-S Election (on September 3, 2016), which will be facilitated by a third party, following the 2007 MN-S Election process.	
15. Next PMC Meeting That the next Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be held May 14 and 15, 2016 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.	