



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
*held March 2, 2018*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held March 2, 2018 at the Saskatoon Inn and Conference Centre, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK.

**PRESENT:**

Glen McCallum, President, Co-Chair  
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair  
Lisa McCallum, Secretary  
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council  
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3  
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1  
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3  
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A  
Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A  
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2  
Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine  
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2  
(arrived at 1:00 p.m.)  
Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2

**OBSERVERS:** *(as indicated on the sign-in sheet circulated at the meeting)*

Valerie Bell  
Michael Bell  
Colleen Carriere, Prince Albert  
Mary Carriere, Prince Albert  
Albert Carisse, Île-à-la-Crosse  
Kim Conarroe, Prince Albert  
Carol Delorme, Western Region 1A  
Trevor Dubois, Prince Albert  
Diane Fiddler, Prince Albert  
Val Fosseneaux, Prince Albert  
Melvina Goulet, Prince Albert  
Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A  
Rod Leonard, Prince Albert

Floyd McCallum  
Verna McCallum  
Sophie McDougall, Prince Albert  
Darlene McKay, Prince Albert  
Linda Ostgard, Prince Albert  
Peggy Parenteau, Prince Albert  
Reina Sinclair, Western Region 3  
Angela Stran  
Mavis Taylor  
Callen Villeneuve  
Dawn Quiring-Reimer, Western Region 2A  
Brian Renneberg, Hockey Coach

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Lloyd Bishop, Provincial Métis Veterans  
Norman Fleury, Elder  
Michelle Gardiner, MN-S Receptionist  
Brandy Laronde, MN-S Administrative Assistant

Dale LeClair, Metis National Council  
Richard Quintal, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Louise Simard, Transition Team

**ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:**

Michael Campbell

Evan Shoforost

**GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA)

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**GRAND ENTRY**

The meeting commenced with a Grand Entry procession led by Provincial Métis Veterans bearing the flags of Canada, the Métis Nation, and the Province of Saskatchewan.

**AGENDA VARIED**

The order of the Agenda was varied throughout the meeting. Items are indicated in these minutes in the order in which they were considered.

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

Norman Fleury, Elder, offered an Opening Prayer.

**2. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER**

President McCallum, Co-Chair, acknowledged the Veterans, Elders and others present and commended the interest of the many observers in attendance.

Vice President Gerald Morin, Co-Chair, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. He led the meeting in a round of self-introductions and confirmed that a quorum was present.

All attendees were reminded to keep cell phones off during the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF RECORDING SECRETARY**

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)**

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

**CARRIED (180302-01)**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its meeting scheduled March 2, 2018:

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of Recording Secretary
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Signing of Confidentiality Agreement
6. Review of the Minutes

- 6.1 Approval of the Minutes
- 6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Information
  - 7.1 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
  - 7.2 Key Messages
8. Resolutions:
  - 8.1 Approval of Draft Strategic Priorities and Workplan 2018/19
  - 8.2 Approval to Proceed with Consultations on the Constitution
  - 8.3 Approval of Draft Handbook
  - 8.4 Approval of Draft Service Contract with Regions
  - 8.5 Approval of MFCJS Legal Action
  - 8.6 Appointment of Representative (Re: Fisheries)
  - 8.7 Appointment of Marlene Hansen to the Gabriel Dumont Institute, Board of Directors
9. Budget Update and Approval
10. Ministers Reports
  - 10.1 Submission by Minister Gervais
  - 10.2 Submission by Minister Friesen
11. Other Business
  - 11.1 Métis Women of Saskatchewan
  - 11.2 Update on Métis Nation Council - Health Forum
12. Next PMC Meeting
13. Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED (180302-02)**  
(One abstention)

**5. SIGNING OF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

*Related information: "Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy".*

Louise Simard, Transition Team, referred the meeting to the "Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy", and acknowledged its purpose, scope and principles. She introduced a suggested amendment to the "Gifts and Personal Benefits" section, to acknowledge the exchange of gifts within the Métis culture.

**It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the "Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy", with an amendment to the "Gifts and Personal Benefits" section on Page 5, replacing the first bulleted item in Item 2, with the following two bulleted items:

- “• *It has a reasonable value based on custom; and*
- *If that value is greater than \$150, it must be reported and catalogued at the head office of the MN-S; and”.*

**CARRIED (180302-03)**

Signing of the amended “Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy” was postponed until later in the meeting.

## **INTRODUCTION - Saskatoon Police Chief Troy Cooper**

Police Chief Troy Cooper extended thanks to President McCallum for attending the recent event where he was sworn-in as the Saskatoon Police Chief. He recognized the importance of maintaining a relationship with the Métis community.

## **6. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

### **6.1 Approval of the Minutes**

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the January 13-14, 2018 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting.

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of its January 13-14, 2018 meeting, as presented.

**CARRIED (180302-04)**

### **6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

The meeting considered items presented in the minutes, and commented regarding:

- Adjustments submitted to the financial statements, to correct the misplacement of some individual's names
- Efforts to coordinate a Joint Meeting between the MN-S and the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF)

## **7. INFORMATION**

### **7.1 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

#### **7.2 Key Messages**

*Related information: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Advancing Reconciliation, signed by representatives of the MN-S and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, dated February 22, 2018 and an attached list of “Joint Key Messages”.*

The meeting acknowledged the recent signing of the MOU, which set the stage for a Framework Agreement (likely by July 2018).

## **5. SIGNING OF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT (Continued)**

PMC members in attendance each signed the “Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy”, affirming their personal commitment to abide by the Policy and to accept any reasonable action recommended, resulting from a breach of the policy.

## **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

## **8. RESOLUTIONS**

### **8.1 Approval of Draft Strategic Priorities and Work Plan 2018/19**

*Related information: “Draft Strategic Priorities and Work Plan 2018/19”.*

The meeting reviewed the “Draft Strategic Priorities and Work Plan 2018/19”, and offered comments on:

- Incremental efforts towards normalizing relations between the MN-S, the Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan
- The March 31, 2018 conclusion of the current contract with EY as the MN-S Expert Advisors, and a potential extension of the relationship, to maintain some accounting tasks
- EY’s instrumental reporting role at the April 14-15, 2018 MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA).

During discussion on the information provided, comments were offered regarding:

- Priority areas identified in the Strategic Plan, including: governance, citizenship, self-government negotiations, constitutional reform, and communications
- The intent to add a column to the workplan, in which the status of each deliverable will be indicated, and to include “Workplan Updates” on future PMC meeting agendas.

**It was MOVED (Lisa McCallum) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept the “Strategic Priorities and Work Plan 2018/19”, as presented to the PMC on March 2, 2018.

**CARRIED (180302-05)**

### **INTRODUCTION – Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark**

Mayor Clark extended thanks for the opportunity to meet and to build a relationship with the MN-S. He recognized the resiliency of the Métis people; opportunities needed for children to succeed without discrimination; and Saskatoon’s connections to communities across the Province (i.e. for work, healthcare, etc.). He committed to learning about reconciliation and the impacts of colonization; and welcomed invitations to visit Métis communities, and to attend Batoche 2018 and other events.

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

### **8.2 Approval to Proceed with Consultations on the Constitution**

*Related information: “Submission to the Provincial Métis Council from Minister Morin on Constitutional Talks”.*

Vice President Morin referred to the information provided and offered comments regarding:

- The initial development of the MN-S Constitution and the need to consider revisions, to better serve the interests, rights and aspirations of the people of the MN-S
- The three equal orders of government applicable under Section 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867 (Federal, Provincial and Aboriginal).

**It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Lisa McCallum)**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs Vice President Gerald Morin to establish a Committee to review the MN-S Constitution and related legislation, and that the Committee:

1. Set up meetings throughout the Province to consult with members, Local Presidents and Regional Directors on what issues there are with respect to the Constitution and related legislation, to determine what changes should be made;
2. Call for verbal and written briefs from the Regions and Locals, and whatever other processes are deemed appropriate;
3. Report back to the PMC and the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly with its findings and recommendations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (180302-06)**

*(A unanimous vote was recorded at the PMC's direction)*

**8.3 Approval of Draft Handbook**

*Related information: "Interim Handbook for Executive, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council", labelled "Draft Only for Discussion".*

Ms. Simard referred the meeting to the information provided, and offered comments regarding:

- The intent of the "Interim Handbook" to provide guidance to the PMC on:
  - Solidarity, confidentiality and collective responsibility
  - Exceptions to the principles of solidarity and confidentiality
  - PMC meeting protocols
  - PMC agendas and submissions
  - Declaration of principles and conflict of interest guidelines
  - The role of Standing Committees
- Standing Committee meetings, which could be called by the relevant Minister or the President (potentially held via teleconference)
- Adoption in principle of the "Interim Handbook"; future amendments could be made.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Clarification needed on documents requiring the MNLA's approval
- The role of Ministers with provincial mandates, to inform the PMC of the outcomes of meetings and events they attend, related to their role
- The future allocation of funds received by the MN-S for the ASETS program, housing, etc.
- Negotiations on behalf of the MN-S.

**It was MOVED (Lisa McCallum) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves in principle, the "Interim Handbook for Executive, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council", as presented to the PMC on March 2, 2018.

**CARRIED (180302-07)**

#### **8.4 Approval of Draft Service Contract with Regions**

*Related information: “Draft Service Contract with the Regions – Memorandum of Agreement between the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Regional Councils”.*

Ms. Simard referred the meeting to the information provided, and offered comments regarding the requirements of Regional Councils to provide: annual budgets, minutes, monthly activity reports, and other information to the Treasurer and Finance Committee of the MN-S, for approval by the PMC.

**It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Lisa McCallum)**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the “Draft Service Contract with the Regions – Memorandum of Agreement between the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Regional Councils”, as presented to the PMC on March 2, 2018.

**CARRIED (180302-08)**

#### **8.5 Approval of MFCJS Legal Action**

This item was deferred for consideration during an in-camera meeting.

#### **8.6 Appointment of a Representative (Re: Fisheries)**

The meeting acknowledged the MMF’s intent to bring together Métis delegates to participate on a Cooperative on Fishing, to consider solutions for the troubled industry. It was suggested that Leonard Montgrand participate on the Cooperative, on behalf of the MN-S.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding challenges facing fishers in northern Saskatchewan, and the potential for them to market their own fish.

**It was MOVED (Jaycee Bell) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council appoints Leonard Montgrand to represent the MN-S at the Manitoba Metis Federation’s Cooperative on Fishing.

**CARRIED (180302-09)**

#### **Health Break**

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

#### **9. BUDGET UPDATE AND APPROVAL**

*Related information:*

- *“Financial Statement - Métis Nation-Saskatchewan – BOC Funding – Fiscal 2018/2019”*
- *“Estate General Ledger Reports” Accounts 1045590 and 1104124 - dated March 1, 2018*

Evan Shoforost, EY, referred the meeting to the information provided and offered comments regarding the anticipated cash balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Richard Quintal, Interim Chief Executive Officer, commented on additional funds from the Federal Government achieved through funding agreements related to climate change, health, and for the March 3-4, 2018 Governance Gathering.

**It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept as presented, the information provided under Agenda Item 9 – Budget Update and Approval, including: “Financial Statement - Métis Nation-Saskatchewan – BOC Funding – Fiscal 2018/2019”, and “Estate General Ledger Reports” for Accounts 1045590 and 1104124 - dated March 1, 2018.

**CARRIED (180302-10)**

**8.7 Appointment to the Gabriel Dumont Institute, Board of Directors**

This item was deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

**10. MINISTERS’ REPORTS**

**10.1 Submission by Minister Gervais**

*Related information: Submission by Minister Gervais.*

This item was provided for information.

**10.2 Submission by Minister Friesen**

*Related information: Submission by Minister Friesen*

This item was provided for information.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**11.1 Métis Women of Saskatchewan**

This item was deferred for consideration at an in-camera meeting.

**11.2 Update on Métis Nation Council - Health Forum**

This item was deferred for consideration at an in-camera meeting.

**INTRODUCTION – Brian Renneberg, Youth Hockey Coach**

President McCallum recognized Brian Renneberg for his contributions since 1991 as a youth hockey coach in Saskatchewan. Delegates were invited to attend the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Western Canada Native Minor Hockey Championships, scheduled March 31 – April 1, 2018 in Saskatoon.

**CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now conclude.

**CARRIED (180302-11)**

(Time: 2:30 p.m.)

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**LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were provided for information at the March 2, 2018 meeting:*

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled March 2, 2018
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held January 13-14, 2018
3. Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy
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10. Estate General Ledger Reports - Accounts 1045590 and 1104124 - dated March 1, 2018
11. Minister’s Report - Submission by Minister Gervais
12. Minister’s Report - Submission by Minister Friesen.