



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held September 13, 2018

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held September 13, 2018 in the Canadian Room at the Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK.

PRESENT:

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

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Tammy Mah, LFDM
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2

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

Brennan Merasty, Île-à-la-Crosse

ALSO PRESENT:

Brandy Laronde, MN-S Office
Jimmy Deroche, Métis Elder
Butch Durocher, MN-S Office
Norman Fleury, Métis Elder
Michelle Gardiner, MN-S Office

Emile Janvier, Métis Elder
Greg Ross, MN-S Office
Richard Quintal, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Josie Searson, Provincial Métis Veteran
Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Raheel Baig-Mirza, Program Manager, Métis Permanent Bilateral Mechanism, Reconciliation Secretariat, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNA)

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Megan Krempel, 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. ROLL CALL and CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. He led the meeting in a round of self-introductions and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Request for Action

It was requested that microphones be available at future PMC meetings, to provide all attendees with the ability to be heard clearly.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer. President McCallum recognized Josie Searson, one of the Flag Bearers, and the importance of Elders and veterans in the community. He commended MN-S staff, leaders and others for their ongoing support and achievements.

3. APPROVAL OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

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

CARRIED (180913-01)

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its meeting scheduled September 13, 2018:

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of the Recording Secretary
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Review of the Minutes
 - 5.1 Approval of the Minutes
 - 5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Northern Region 2 – GDI Board of Governors Appointment
 - 6.1 Tracy Tinker
7. Cultural Spaces – Leonard Montgrand
8. Financials:
 - 8.1 Financial Statement 2017-2018 (Laskowski & Wright)
 - 8.2 MN-S Financial Report – Minister Cook and Hamid Shahzad
9. RRSP Contribution – Great West Life
10. UPIP
11. Regional Boundary Issues
12. Joint MN-S / MMF Cabinet Meeting
13. CEO Update
14. Retreat
15. Other Business

- 15.1 Minister Reports
- 15.2 Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI)
- 15.3 Regional Representation at Local AGMs and Elections
- 16. Next PMC Meeting – October 26, 2018
- 17. Conclusion / Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (180913-02)

5. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the Minutes

Secretary McCallum read aloud the motions and directions contained in the minutes of the PMC's Regular Meeting held June 2-3, 2018.

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approve the minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting, held June 2-3, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED (180913-03)

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

President McCallum referenced the PMC resolution passed at the June 2, 2018 meeting:

"That the PMC Executive Members (and Regional Directors) advise the Regional Director when they are coming into their region to discuss MN-S business, inform the Regional Director regarding the nature of the discussion, and invite the Regional Director to attend the discussion".

6. NORTHERN REGION 2 – GDI BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPOINTMENT

6.1 Tracy Tinker

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approve the appointment of Tracy Tinker to the GDI Board of Governors for Northern Region 2.

CARRIED (180913-04)

7. CULTURAL SPACES

Related information: Heritage Canada – Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

Discussion ensued on the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, which supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage, culture and creative innovation. It was noted that:

- The Métis Nation of Alberta identified ten locations in Alberta and received \$350,000 in funding for each site
- The MN-S could identify 12 sites (one in each region) potentially Batoche, Sandy Bay Provincial Campground and Palm Bear Lake
- Aaron Murray, Consultant, Derek Murray Consulting and Associates (DMCA), could be retained to assist with the site proposals.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Ensuring that the correct Ministries were involved when considering potential sites
- Being respectful of regional boundaries
- Suggestion that each region identify possible sites of historical importance.

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

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

- a) Proceed with the Canada Cultural Space Fund application for the 12 MN-S regions; and
- b) Approve hiring Aaron Murray, Consultant, Derek Murray Consulting and Associates, to assist with the application and site proposals.

CARRIED (180913-05)

8. FINANCIALS

8.2 MN-S Financial Report – Minister Cook and Hamid Shahzad

Related information: Finance Department Achievements, September 13, 2018

Earl Cook, Minister of Finance, reviewed the Finance Department’s achievements, highlighting:

- Accomplishments achieved since the hiring of Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Implementation of direct deposit payroll in July 2018
- Development of a RRSP contribution plan
- The MN-S being in control of their finances, after Ernst & Young’s involvement concluded
- Installation of a server allowing for MN-S’ control over data and program reporting
- The CFO’s access to federal government’s Grants and Contributions Information Management System (GCIMS), contribution agreements, and cash flow status.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Ernst & Young’s agreement to act as Financial Advisor, upon request
- Adequate staffing needed for departments impacted by the influx of funding and activities related to housing and UPIP.

8.1 Financial Statement 2017-2018 (Laskowski & Wright)

Related information: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements, March 31, 2018

A representative on behalf of Duane Laskowski, Laskowski & Wright, reviewed the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements. She confirmed that the audit was successful, acknowledged management’s cooperation and further highlighted:

- Increased cash in the “Statement of Financial Position”, due to the timing of the PMC table
- A decrease in “Account Receivables”, as program funding was received in 2018
- An increase in “Accounts Payable”, due to the timing of payments
- “Contingent Liabilities” pertaining to an outstanding legal claim put forth by prior PMC members
- Increased expenditures due to the set up of regional offices, elections and an increase in staffing.

During discussion, clarifications were offered on:

- The “Repayment of Debt” which relates to a Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) loan
- Consulting fees for Ernst & Young, which should be indicated for “2017”
- The total travel expenditure of \$549,153, which includes PMC meetings and the MNLA.

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council receive the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED (180913-06)

9. RRSP CONTRIBUTION – GREAT WEST LIFE

Minister Cook reviewed a proposed RRSP Contribution Plan for PMC Executive Members, to be coordinated with Great West Life Assurance Company. If approved, participation in the RRSP Contribution Plan would be optional.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the MN-S entering into an agreement with Great West Life Assurance Company to offer PMC Executive Members the opportunity to make RRSP contributions of 5%, which the MN-S will match.

CARRIED (180913-07)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

10. UPIP

Related information: Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) Proposed Management Plan 2018-2019

Minister Cook reported on recent changes to the UPIP management structure, noting that:

- The program will be:
 - Managed by Hamid Shahzad, CFO, through the MN-S office
 - Operated according to MN-S policies and procedures and the contribution agreement with government
- The UPIP Committee will be responsible for formulating and updating policies, which will be brought to the PMC for review, and then to the federal government for approval
- Upon approval, the policies will be implemented.

Minister Cook reviewed the distribution of funds noting that:

- The three largest regions (WRII, WRIIA and WRIII) will each receive \$225,000 with the nine other regions each receiving \$50,000
- The remaining funds will be distributed based on Métis population per region.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A region's allocation of funds, which may increase as its membership grows
- Eligibility criteria, which regions and locals must meet
- Selecting a UPIP Coordinator to: assist with the application process, etc.
- Locals becoming incorporated, making them accountable to certain policies and regulations.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council approve the hiring of an Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) Coordinator in the MN-S office:

- To assist governments with their UPIP applications for funding; and
- Provide UPIP training for Regional Directors and locals, as required.

CARRIED (180913-08)

INTRODUCTION – Buckley Belanger, MLA, Saskatchewan

President McCallum welcomed Buckley Belanger, MLA, Athabasca, Saskatchewan to the meeting. Mr. Belanger expressed his appreciation to the MN-S for allowing him to participate in the meeting and to be informed of the issues and projects the MN-S was working on.

11. REGIONAL BOUNDARY ISSUES

Comments were offered on Regional Directors entering other regions, without prior notification. President McCallum welcomed interested Regional Directors to meet at the MN-S office to further discuss the issue.

Request for Action

It was requested that updated maps showing regional boundaries be provided to all Regional Directors to ensure their consistent understanding.

12. JOINT MN-S / MMF CABINET MEETING

President McCallum reported that a discussion on a national Métis Nation registry would ensue at a meeting with the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) in Regina, SK on October 27-28, 2018. PMC members were welcomed to submit additions to the meeting's agenda.

13. CEO UPDATE

Richard Quintal, CEO, provided an update on MN-S' achievements in 2018, including:

- Positive impacts of the MN-S financial status and new processes established
- Opening of the new MN-S office location, for administrative staff and elected officials
- Efforts to maximize funding efforts and expand funding partnerships
- Accessing additional funds through programs (such as the Nation Building Fund)
- The MN-S Consultation and Resource Centre, led by Butch Durocher, established to assist communities in their consultations with federal government and industry
- A nationwide search for two senior staff positions to assist with policies, procedures and program administration; a list of new MN-S staff members will be prepared and provided
- His participation on the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) Executive Committee
- Federal government's funding commitments to support childhood and housing programs with a more urgent focus on health, well-being and economic development

- The 2019 Budget commitment, which includes \$6.3 billion in funding (of which the MN-S will receive 25%) over the next 12 years.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

13. CEO UPDATE (Continued)

During continued discussion, further comments were offered on the “duty to consult” process.

Request for Action

It was requested that Richard Quintal contact Jason Madden, Legal Counsel, to obtain a copy of the policy document related to the duty to consult process, and to subsequently provide the document to Regional Directors for information.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accept the Chief Executive Officer’s report.

CARRIED (180913-09)

Request for Action

It was requested that Butch Durocher contact the appropriate provincial representative to obtain access to “duty to consult” activities within the regions, to identify trends and areas of overlap.

14. RETREAT

Mr. Quintal welcomed topics for the upcoming annual retreat, which prompted the suggestions: a Michif workshop; crafting tables; and discussions on suicide prevention, and building successful relationships with other regions. Additional suggestions were encouraged.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Michelle LeClair, Central Urban Metis Federation Inc.

Ms. LeClair invited the PMC to send delegates and bring greetings on behalf of the MN-S to an art auction, silent auction and charity dinner on September 29, 2018 in Whitecap, SK. All proceeds from the event will be directed to programs for families residing in supported-living homes.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now adjourn to an In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED (180913-10)

(Time: 2:32 p.m.)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:46 p.m.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Ministers Reports

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, provided an update on:

- Initiatives of the Métis National Council (MNC) Health Committee including a sub-agreement for Métis-specific health issues, reflecting national and regional priorities
- A research project with the University of Saskatchewan to build healthier communities with a focus on harm reduction, land-based healing, trauma-informed care etc.
- The Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, with funding support of \$600,000 for two years
- Efforts with federal government on the formalization of a vision for Métis health
- A memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed with the Saskatchewan Health Authority on the principles of a working relationship
- Improving the quality of care between cancer care agencies and addressing language barriers with some patients coming from northern communities.

15.2 Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI)

Minister Friesen informed the meeting of:

- MACSI's new Chief Financial Officer, improved accounting system and program delivery
- A nomination package prepared for new MACSI Board members
- MACSI's review of its bylaws to potentially include non-Métis Board members
- A revised MOU that reflects recruitment, retention and competitive administrative salaries.

15.1 Ministers Reports (continued)

Related information:

- *Ministry of Family and Justice Services Division, September 2018*
- *Ministry of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Citizenship Registry*

Wendy Gervais, Minister of Family and Justice Services Division, and Minister of the Citizenship Registry, reviewed her reports and commented on:

- Data needed to support the budget in the MOU with government on family services
- Benefits of consulting with the MMF to share learning and best practices
- Challenges within the MN-S registry process specifically with wait times and delayed applications, often due to incomplete information provided
- Potentially establishing a registry office in each region; registry staff could assist Regional Directors with other administrative duties, although their focus would be on the registry.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that Wendy Gervais, Minister of Family and Justice Services Division and Minister of the Citizenship Registry, be given the authority to:

- a) Move forward on restructuring the registry offices; and
- b) Create 12 regional offices in participation with Regional Directors.

CARRIED (180913-11)

(One member abstained from the vote)

15.3 Regional Representation at Local AGMs and Elections

Clarification was sought on protocols for Regional Directors attending local elections.

Request for Action

It was requested that Secretary McCallum send a letter to each region informing them of the process for elections and the extent of the Regional Director's involvement within that election.

16. NEXT PMC MEETING – October 26, 2018

It was confirmed that an email will be sent to members confirming their availability to attend.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the next Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be held October 26, 2018 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED (180913-12)

17. CONCLUSION / CLOSING PRAYER

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Norman Fleury.

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Jaycee Bell)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting held September 13, 2018 now conclude.

CARRIED (180913-13)

(Time: 4:57 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the September 13, 2018 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled September 13, 2018
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held June 2-3, 2018
3. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council In-Camera Meeting held June 2, 2018
4. Report titled "Heritage Canada – Canada Cultural Spaces Fund"
5. "Financial Statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., March 31, 2018"
6. Report titled "Finance Department Achievements, September 13, 2018"
7. Report titled, "UPIP Proposed Management Plan 2018-2019, September 2018"
8. Guest submission titled "Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.'s Art Auction, Silent Auction and Charity Dinner"
9. Report titled "Report – MN-S Environment, September 13, 2018"
10. On-table report from Dr. Earl Cook, Minister of Education, dated September 13-14, 2018
11. On-table report titled "Ministry of Family and Justice Services Division, September 2018 Report"
12. On-table report titled "NRII Métis Regional Coordinator Quarterly Report, August 2018".