



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held November 8-9, 2019

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held November 8-9, 2019 in the Picasso Room at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Saskatoon Downtown, 405 20th Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT: *(as indicated on a circulated sign-in sheet)*

Glen McCallum, President, Chair	Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A
Gerald Morin, Vice-President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council	(arrived November 8, 2019 at 11:15 a.m.)
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A
Earl Cook, Treasurer	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Nathan Favel, Northern Region 3 – Staff	Kelly Linki, Observer
Marilyn Fiddler, Observer	Verna McCallum, Observer
Norman Fleury, Elder	Sophie McDougall, Observer
Theresa Gayle, Western Region 3 - Staff	Darlene McKay, Observer
Arend Hoekstra, Legal Counsel	Miranda Moran, Observer
Tom Isaac, Legal Counsel	David Morgan, Observer
Shirley Isbister, Observer	Max Morin, Elder
Casey Jones, Observer	Peggy Parenteau, Observer
Ruby Jones, Northern Region 3 – Staff	Ken Pederson, Observer
Shannon Landrie-Crossland, Observer	Joanne Perry, Observer
Colleen Lewandoski, Observer	Leona Sarchuk, Observer
Michelle LeClair, Observer	Josie Searson, Elder

MN-S OFFICE:

Mark Calette, Senior Director, Administration	Erin Reid, Chief of Staff
Lisa Fleming, Director, ELCC / CFS	Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer
Brandy LaRonde, Office Manager	Louise Simard, Chief Operating Officer
Jason McKay, Sports & Recreation Coordinator	Reina Sinclair, Director, Environment & Language
Brennan Merasty, Executive Assistant	Lori Skjeie, UPIP Provincial Coordinator
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director, Policy & Research	Mavis Taylor, Director, MN-S Youth
Tanya Pruden, CPAP Project Coordinator	Tammy Vallee, Registrar
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer	

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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, and are numbered as indicated on the distributed agenda.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

President Glen McCallum called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President McCallum acknowledged successes achieved in the regions, and recalled the "Oath of Office", which each PMC member committed to follow, when they took office.

Accomplishments achieved since funding was reinstated to the MN-S were reviewed. The President confirmed that the MN-S registry had been strengthened and organized, and now included over 10,000 registered Métis citizens.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accept the President's Report as presented.

CARRIED (191108-01)

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for the November 8-9, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED (191108-02)

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice President Gerald Morin led the meeting in a review of the Agenda. It was requested that the Agenda be amended to include a New Business Item – "Correspondence from Penny Hurton".

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

That the Agenda for the November 8-9, 2019 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

DAY ONE – November 8, 2019:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of the Recording Secretary
4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Review of the Previous Minutes
 - 5.1 Approval of the March 7, 2019 and October 18, 2019 PMC Minutes
 - 5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
6. President's Report
7. Legal Update – Duty to Consult
8. 2018-2019 Finance and Auditor's Report
 - 8.1 Quarterly Financial Update
 - 8.2 Payables Guidelines
 - 8.3 PMC Allowances
9. Revised PMC Handbook
10. MNLA
 - 10.1 MNLA Agenda
 - 10.2 Appointment of Dumont Scouts
 - 10.3 Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - 10.4 Ministerial Appointments

DAY TWO – November 9, 2019:

11. Call to Order
12. Opening Prayer
13. Canadian Geographic Presentation
14. Ministerial Reports
 - 14.1 Education
 - 14.2 Housing
 - 14.3 UPIP
 - 14.4 Health
 - 14.5 Tourism
 - 14.6 Back to Batoche
 - 14.7 Economic Development
 - 14.8 Children and Family Services
 - 14.9 Women and Youth
15. GDI Representatives
 - 15.1 Eastern Region 3
 - 15.2 Northern Region 3
 - 15.3 Western Region 2
16. Other Business
 - 16.1 Communications – National Level
 - 16.2 NR3 Elder and Locals Resolutions
 - 16.3 Correspondence from Penny Hurton
17. Next PMC Meeting
18. Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (191108-03)

5. REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the March 7, 2019 and October 18, 2019 PMC Minutes

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

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

- Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held March 7, 2019, as presented; and
- Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held October 18, 2019, amended to omit the statement on Page 2, “Information: “Derek Langan, Leonard Montgrand and Penny Hurton joined call after the motion was carried”.

CARRIED (191108-04)

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were considered

11:15 a.m.

Loretta King arrived at the meeting.

7. LEGAL UPDATE – DUTY TO CONSULT (DTC)

Related information: “MN-S Duty to Consult Report – November 22-24, 2019”

Tom Isaac, Legal Counsel, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, provided updates on economic sovereignty, duty to consult, and other pertinent matters, and commented regarding:

- The self-government agreement signed with the Government of Canada, which represented a significant step towards reconciliation
- The intent of the Rights and Reconciliation Table, to negotiate a financial agreement with Canada on a government-to-government basis
- The Government of Canada’s agreement to create a negotiating side table on Métis land claims in the country; Canada was prepared to discuss the Île-à-la-Crosse boarding school
- Taking reasonable steps necessary against actions, that could adversely impact the best interest, strength or validity of the Northwest land claim
- Reopening negotiations with the Province of Saskatchewan, on Section 35 Harvesting Rights; a previously signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) could be re-affirmed
- Potentially collaborating with other Governing Members, to affirm a consistent approach.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- A Regional President’s concerns about a land claim filed in his region, without his knowledge
- Preventing impacts of harvesting claims on pre-existing claims; the Government of Saskatchewan was reminded that their actions should not jeopardize Section 35 rights
- The MN-S’ policy on the duty to consult process (adopted in 2008):
 - If a development impacts a local, the local will be consulted and accommodated
 - If a development impacts a region, the region will be consulted and accommodated
 - If a development has provincial impacts, the MN-S office will be involved
 - MN-S’ Duty to Consult Policy can be posted and accessible on the MN-S website
- Funding secured from federal government, to support a duty to consult resource centre; resources could be available if regions or locals needed support (e.g. for drafting correspondence, communicating with industry, etc.).

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Arend Hoekstra, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, provided information on the feasibility of transforming the Métis Nation with a “one voice” approach, and commented regarding:

- Jobs, projects, funding and engagement opportunities missed, due to MN-S’ late receipt (or non-receipt) of information on some large projects
- The MN-S’ prior inability to respond to low and high impact (e.g. NexGen) projects
- Holding regional and local meetings to keep citizens informed of projects in their area
- The province’s prior efforts to meet with locals directly; most locals were not equipped to respond to “duty to consult” queries
- Potential opportunities related to a traffic round-about construction project in Saskatoon
- Deadlines for responses, which may vary for small and large projects
- Changes required to the Province of Saskatchewan’s policy on “Duty to Consult”; it should specify that proponents need to contact the MN-S directly.

The importance of the Province of Saskatchewan contacting the MN-S directly on projects, was discussed. Additional comments were offered regarding:

- The MN-S, the regions, and the locals, collaboratively developing a mutually-beneficial mandate for negotiations and consultations
- Consultation on high or low impact projects:
 - Traditional land studies should be required, and paid for
 - Workshops on projects should be provided for the region and locals, with information on local employment opportunities and preferred business opportunities
- Tasking the Muskowekwan Business Development Corporation to manage the consultation process on projects, enabling agreements to be promptly completed.

During discussion, additional comments were offered regarding:

- Defining “high impact” projects, as projects impacted by the *Environmental Assessment Act* (e.g. NexGen could be considered a high impact project)
- The need for a provincially-coordinated process that respects MN-S’ policies
- Efforts to improve community priorities; funding achieved through projects, could benefit social issues (e.g. drugs and alcohol addictions)
- Benefits of preparing a consistent message for PMC members to share.

During discussion on potential next steps, comments were offered regarding:

- Progressing on a local-by-local basis
- Winning trust and demonstrating how effective the process can be
- Sharing successes achieved, which others could learn from.

8. 2018-2019 FINANCE AND AUDITOR’S REPORT

Related information:

- *“Independent Auditor’s Report”, prepared by Laskowski & Wright LLP*
- *“Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Financial Statements, March 31, 2019”*

Trisha Boutin, Laskowski & Wright LLP, reviewed the “Independent Auditor’s Report” which accompanied the financial statements for the MN-S Secretariat Inc., and acknowledged:

- Minor journal entry adjustments, and some recommendations provided for consideration
- Item 7 in the “Notes to the Financial Statements”, which referenced an outstanding claim.

During discussion, it was clarified that the reference to “Professional Fees” in the financial statements, included consultant’s fees, which were listed separately from wages.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accept as presented the “Independent Auditor’s Report” prepared by Laskowski & Wright LLP, and the attached “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Financial Statements, March 31, 2019”.

CARRIED (191108-05)

8.1 Quarterly Finance Update

Earl Cook, Minister of Finance, acknowledged accomplishments achieved since 2013, including hiring a Chief Financial Officer; and establishing a Finance Committee and Finance Department.

Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), referred to the consolidated financial statements, funding received to date, and additional funding anticipated.

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), offered additional comments regarding:

- Funding received for early learning and childcare (ELCC) and housing, and additional funding anticipated
- A recent MN-S employee retreat, which offered an opportunity to consider the structure of the MN-S departments and a future vision for the MN-S government
- Compiling information for Ministers and Regional Chairs, to relay to citizens:
 - Regular briefing packages will be prepared, with updates on projects etc.
 - Departments will receive regular income statements and briefing notes.

In response to questions raised, it was noted that:

- Support was needed to assist with future regional financial audits
- Funding was needed to support regions in gathering research for future funding requests
- The Finance Department could build a secure online system, which all regions could access.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accept the “Quarterly Financial Update”, as presented.

CARRIED (191108-06)

8.2 Payables Guidelines

8.3 PMC Allowances (Honorariums)

Related information:

- “MN-S Guidelines on Invoice Processing, Travel Claims and Contracts Payments”
- “MN-S Prohibition to Accept Allowance or Other Award”

Richard Quintal reviewed the information provided, and confirmed that the guidelines were developed to clarify the MN-S’ Finance Policy.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- A salary grid for non-elected and elected members was being prepared, for the Finance Committee's review
- Item 7 in the guidelines, referred to mileage for MN-S-related travel and applied to elected officials of the MN-S.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve in principle the following, as presented to the PMC on November 8, 2019:

- "MN-S Guidelines on Invoice Processing, Travel Claims and Contracts Payments"; and
- "MN-S Prohibition to Accept Allowance or Other Award".

CARRIED (191108-07)

One delegate abstained from the vote

Heath Break

The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

9. REVISED PMC HANDBOOK

Related information: "Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council"

Erin Reid, Chief of Staff (COS), reviewed sections of the PMC Handbook related to: Confidentiality, Solidarity and Collective Responsibility; a Code of Conduct; Conflict of Interest Guidelines; Breaches and Disciplinary Action; Roles and Responsibilities; PMC Meeting Protocols; Expense Claims; and a Social Media Policy.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Aspects of the PMC Handbook, which regions and locals could implement
- Treasury Board mileage guidelines, referenced in the PMC Handbook
- The PMC's prior approval of the PMC Handbook in principle, as a living document
- The inability of the PMC Handbook to remove an elected member from the PMC.

Request for Action

It was requested that "Item 3.4 – Consequence for Breach" in the "Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council" be amended to refer to Section 7 rather than Section 9.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) adopt the revised "Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council", as presented to the PMC on November 8, 2019.

CARRIED (191108-08)

One member voted in opposition

Two members abstained from the vote

Request for Action

It was requested that the MN-S Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference be provided to the Provincial Métis Council, for information.

Request for Action

It was requested that the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) receive agenda binders in advance of future meetings, as follows

- *Two-weeks in advance of Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies; and*
- *One-week in advance of PMC meetings.*

14. MINISTERIAL REPORTS

14.2 Housing

14.2a) Minister of Housing

Related information: “MN-S Housing and MNS ERIIA Inc. Report” including:

- *Report from the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC)*
- *Report from the MN-S ERIIA Inc. Housing*

Derek Langan, Minister of Housing, referred to the information provided and commented on:

- Resolutions prepared for consideration at the MNLA
- A minimal number of applications received for the First-Time Home Buyers Program
- Pursuing a program to finance the construction of traditional log homes
- A workplan prepared for the PMC’s review, for establishing a seniors home; a model home could be constructed,.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Potentially retrofitting a 1961, 10-unit senior housing facility in Indian Head; most of the building’s current tenants are Métis citizens
- The First-Time Home Buyers Program, available to eligible Métis citizens through the SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO); the program was established to benefit low-income families; minimal applications were received.

14.2b) Provincial Métis Housing Corporation

Robert Lafontaine, General Manager, Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC), reviewed information included in the PMHC’s report, and commented on:

- The MN-S Emergency Home Renovations and Repair Program
- PMHC’s new five-year agreement, to deliver the “Reaching Home” program; funding was provided for emergency shelters, transition housing and support services
- The December 31, 2019 deadline for applications to participate on the MN-S Housing Strategy Independent Adjudication Panel
- The December 6, 2019 deadline for proposals to the Reaching Home Homelessness Program.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Regular Meeting of the November 8-9, 2019 Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, adjourned on November 8, 2019 at 5:05 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on November 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Elder Josie Searson provided a Closing Prayer.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting of the November 8-9, 2019 Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, reconvened on November 9, 2019.

11. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

12. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

13. CANADIAN GEOGRAPHIC LANGUAGES PRESENTATION

Gilles Gagnier, Canadian Geographic, provided an overhead presentation regarding the Canadian Geographic Society, and offered comments on:

- Some of the Canadian Geographic's projects prepared through partnerships, including: "The Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada" and "The Great Trail Treasure Hunt"
- Programs and their objectives:
 - Growing the number of Michif speakers in Canada:
 - The Métis edition of the "Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada" will be translated into Michif, in collaboration with informed Métis Nation representatives
 - Social media could be used to teach a "Michif Word of the Day"
 - Increasing capacity amongst educators in Saskatchewan to teach Michif:
 - "Teach the Teacher" programs could be delivered by webinars etc.
 - An inventory of accessible resources could be compiled
 - Inspiring youth to want to learn their language and culture:
 - Youth who have participated in Michif language programs, could be invited to attend a summer camp program at Batoche
 - Promoting broader knowledge of Michif amongst all Canadians:
 - Stories could be shared through the Canadian Geographic
 - A Michif Language Speakers Bureau could be established
 - Preserving oral teachings of Métis Elders and Language Keepers:
 - Métis stories could be documented through film.

In response to questions raised, the following comments were offered:

- Statistics on Michif speakers could be obtained through census data; the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) may have a list of Michif speakers
- Research compiled by linguistics expert Peter Bakker recognized two Michif language groups: nouns (and associated language) in French; and verbs (and associated language) in Cree.

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accept the opportunity to work in partnership with Canadian Geographic.

CARRIED (191109-01)

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Regular Meeting of the November 8-9, 2019 Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, adjourned on November 9, 2019 at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

14.2c) Sunbeam Lodge Inc.

Minister Langan reviewed a proposed resolution provided with the Housing Report.

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

WHEREAS safe and affordable housing provides the foundation for health and well-being for individuals; allows families to be connected to their communities; and enables them to be full participants in society and the economy;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan seeks to support and safeguard the health and well-being of its most vulnerable citizens and Elders; and

WHEREAS developing approaches to addressing the health and well-being needs of citizens will be most successful when we work to leverage and connect efforts in all related areas, including housing, that support a holistic approach to health;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health be authorized to enter into exploratory discussions with Sunbeam Lodge Inc. on the feasibility of acquiring its existing 10-unit rental unit in Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED (191109-02)

14.2d) Development of a Subsidized Housing Program for Senior Citizens

Minister Langan reviewed a proposed resolution provided with the Housing Report.

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

WHEREAS safe and affordable housing provides the foundation for individuals and families to be connected to their communities and enables them to be full participants in society and the economy;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) seeks to expand the MN-S Housing Strategy to address the housing needs of one of the most important populations of the MN-S (the “Elders”);

WHEREAS ensuring that Elders have access to suitable and affordable housing is a key component of actualizing the goal of the Métis Nation Housing Strategy to reduce the core housing needs of Métis citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Housing be authorized to develop a pilot project to further advance the MN-S Housing Strategy by developing and testing an approach to providing affordable and suitable housing for seniors with a model home to be built, but not to exceed \$225,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following this pilot project, the Minister of Housing report to the Provincial Métis Council on its results and present a proposal on the development a strategy for its potential implementation across the MN-S.

CARRIED (191109-03)

During further discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- Construction could potentially be tendered out to Métis-owned companies, where possible
- The two-bedroom open concept model, was designed with elements specific to Elders
- Consideration could be given to utilizing students of the GDI trades programs
- Regional Directors could offer suggestions for builders and tradespeople, prior to new construction projects in their respective regions.

14.2e) Developing, Establishing and Implementing Regional Housing Strategies in Four MN-S Regions

Minister Langan reviewed a proposed resolution provided with the Housing Report.

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

WHEREAS safe and affordable housing provides the foundation for individuals and families to be connected to their communities and enables them to be full participants in society and the economy;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) seeks to expand the MN-S Housing Strategy to address the specific housing needs of citizens across the province; and

WHEREAS flexible and targeted housing approaches that address the specific housing needs of citizens is a key component of actualizing the goal of the Métis Nation Housing Strategy, to reduce the core housing need of Métis citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Housing be authorized to develop and implement regional housing strategies in eight MN-S regions in consultation and collaboration with the appropriate Area Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Housing be authorized to expend up to \$1,500,000 in the implementation of each regional housing strategy, for a total maximum expenditure of \$12,000,000; to be sourced from existing funds available under the Métis Nation Housing Strategy.

CARRIED (191109-04)

14.2f) Eligibility for Home Repairs and Renovations

Minister Langan reviewed a proposed resolution provided with the Housing Report. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Potentially establishing a committee to adjudicate the selection and approval of applications for housing funding
- Barriers facing first time home buyers, seeking funding
- Increasing housing fund applicant's qualifying income level to \$150,000
- Prioritizing requests for home repair and renovation funding, from low-income applicants.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following resolution, duly submitted to the PMC on November 9, 2019:

“That the Minister of Provincial Métis Housing be authorized to allow applicant’s qualifying income level to be raised, but not to exceed \$150,000, for the home repair program”.

CARRIED (191109-05)

14.1 Education

It was noted that a Symposium on Early Learning and Childcare would be held January 30-31, 2020 in Saskatoon.

14.3 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)

Minister Cook reviewed the information provided in the report, and some potential next steps if the proposed resolution proceeded, including:

- Developing curriculum for “Raising Strong, Confident and Proud Métis Children”
- Hiring a program facilitator to deliver “Raising Strong, Confident and Proud Métis Children” programs in all 12 MN-S regions
- Initiating a Childcare Subsidy Program and “Raising Strong, Confident and Proud Métis Children” events in April 2020.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve in principle, the following resolution, duly submitted to the PMC on November 9, 2019:

“That prior to March 31, 2021, the MN-S allocate \$2 million from the Early Learning and Childcare budget to support the Childcare Subsidy Program for qualifying Métis citizens; and, if the program is approved on an ongoing basis, the estimated annual budget be set at \$2 million per year”.

CARRIED (191109-06)

8.4 MN-S Signing Authorities

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that the MN-S’ banking-related documentation be signed by any two of the following designated signing authorities (retroactively to July 20, 2018):

- Glen McCallum, President
- Earl Cook, Minister of Finance
- Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer.

CARRIED (191109-07)

15. GDI REPRESENTATIVES

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoint Vince Ahenakew to represent Northern Region 3 on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED (191109-08)

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoint Nancy Dunn to represent Eastern Region 3 on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED (191109-09)

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoint Lucille Tetarenko, to represent Western Region 2 on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED (191109-10)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m. Earl Cook and Wendy Gervais were absent when the meeting resumed.

10. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA)

10.1 MNLA Agenda

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accepts the draft agenda for the MNLA, presented to the PMC on November 9, 2019.

CARRIED (191109-11)

10.3 Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints: Mike Nolin as Speaker, and Joe Blyn as Deputy Speaker for the November 22-24, 2019 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

CARRIED (191109-12)

10.2 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* provides that Dumont's Scouts be appointed by the Provincial Métis Council to maintain order and procedure during the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals shall be Dumont's Scouts: Clinton Davies, Alex Maurice, Felix Merasty and Josie Searson.

CARRIED (191109-13)

14.9 Women and Youth

14.9a) Les Filles de Madeleine

Related information: Booklet from an October 25-27, 2019 MMIWG Event in Prince Albert

Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles de Madeleine, referred to the booklet provided, and commented on:

- The October 25-27, 2019 MMIWG event, which honoured a number of women
- Applications for funding submitted to various agencies
- The Minister of Health's invitation for a woman representative from each region to participate at a health table.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The MN-S Ministry of Health's commitment to provide dedicated mental health supports to assist family members of murdered or missing women
- Encouraging the increased involvement of Métis police officers (e.g. at Batoche, etc.)
- Efforts with the Chief of Police to help identify successes achieved across the province, and where greater support is needed.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept as presented the verbal report provided by the President of Les Filles des Madeleine.

CARRIED (191109-14)

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept in principle, all written reports provided at the November 8-9, 2019 PMC Meeting.

CARRIED (191109-15)

14.4 Health

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, acknowledged engagement sessions planned in the MN-S regions with Adel Panahi, Director of Health.

Additional comments were offered regarding:

- Discussions needed on cancer care and health care for all Métis citizens
- Impacts of Elders not receiving funding to take taxis to medical appointments
- Negotiations initiated with the “Wheels of Hope” to provide medical transportation for Métis citizens across the province.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 Communications – National Level

Related information: Draft resolution titled “Resolution for Health” submitted by Northern Region 3

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council receive for consideration the following resolution, duly submitted by Northern Region 3:

“That the MN-S immediately start negotiating with the federal government to provide health benefits to our Métis citizens. This could be negotiated as a Métis Health Benefit Act with the federal government. We should move on this as soon as possible, because it is a real hardship on a lot of our people who cannot afford transportation or their medication. We ask that you urgently pursue this, as soon as possible”.

CARRIED (191109-16)

16.2 Northern Region 3 – Elder and Locals Resolution

Related information: Draft resolution titled, “Resolution for MN-S Locals”, submitted by Northern Region 3

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Lisa McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council receive for consideration the following resolution, duly submitted by Northern Region 3:

“As most MN-S locals are not incorporated or running meetings, minutes or providing accountability to their members, we would like to see the MN-S develop a Métis Nation local Governance Act. We could utilize some existing acts from the provincial government as examples, such as the Northern Municipalities Act. A lot of our locals need to be organized if we are talking about self-governance. Our constitution is from the bottom-up approach where the locals are the ones that make the rules and regulations, but if they’re not organized they leave it up to the Provincial Metis Council to do that. So I would encourage MN-S to start exploring the Métis Local Governance Act, as soon as possible. The Northern Municipalities Act has different responsibilities for larger communities and examples, they have cities, towns, villages, hamlets and settlements. All these entities have responsibilities so we could look at bigger communities like Prince Albert, Saskatoon, or Regina to fall under the city allocation. The other smaller communities could fall as towns. And the smallest ones (e.g. where they may have 12 members) could be considered as settlements. If we are going to have self-government, the locals have to be organized and the locals are going to be the ones that run the self-government”.

CARRIED (191109-17)

17. NEXT PMC MEETING

The next PMC meeting will be held December 17-18, 2019 in Saskatoon.

18. CONCLUSION / CLOSING PRAYER

Elders Norm Fleury and Josie Searson offered Closing Prayers.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council Meeting held November 8-9, 2019 now conclude.

CARRIED (191109-18)

(Time: November 9, 2019 at 3:10 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the November 8-9, 2019 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled November 8-9, 2019
2. Draft Motions of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held March 7, 2019
3. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held October 18, 2019
4. Report titled, "MN-S Duty to Consult Report – November 22-24, 2019"
5. "Independent Auditor's Report", prepared by Laskowski & Wright LLP
6. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Financial Statements, March 31, 2019
7. MN-S Guidelines on Invoice Processing, Travel Claims and Contracts Payments
8. MN-S Prohibition to Accept Allowance or Other Award
9. Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council
10. Report from the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC)
11. Report from the MN-S ERIIA Inc. Housing
12. Booklet from an October 25-27, 2019 MMIWG Event in Prince Albert
13. Draft resolution titled "Resolution for Health" submitted by Northern Region 3
14. Draft resolution titled, "Resolution for MN-S Locals", submitted by Northern Region 3
15. MN-S Secretary Portfolio Workplan – 2019-2020
16. Correspondence from Penny Hurton dated September 23, 2019
17. Report titled "Harvesting Memorandum of Understanding"
18. Document titled "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan – Prohibition to Acceptance Allowance or Another Award"
19. Report titled "MN-S Early Learning and Childcare", dated November 9, 2019
20. Report titled "MN-S Childcare Subsidy Program", dated November 7, 2019
21. Report titled "Back to Batoche 2019 – Final Highlight Report"
22. Report titled "MN-S Child and Family Services – Update", dated November 9, 2019
23. Report titled "MN-S Provincial Citizenship Registry", dated November 9, 2019
24. Report titled "MN-S UPIP: Programs and Services", dated November 7, 2019
25. Report titled "Provincial Métis Youth Council Minister Report – November 2019"
26. Report titled "MN-S Environment", dated November 2019
27. Report titled "MN-S Ministry of Health", dated November 1, 2019
28. Report titled "MN-S – Heritage & Language", dated November, 2019
29. Report titled "MN-S – Minister of Tourism", dated November 5, 2019

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

ELCC	Early Learning and Child Care
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COS	Chief of Staff
DTC	Duty to Consult
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMHC	Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
SMEDCO	SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples