



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held January 19, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held January 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Chair
Earl Cook, Treasurer
Lisa McCallum, Secretary
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A
Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A
Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Norman Fleury, Elder

MN-S OFFICE:

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer	Lori Skjeie, Director, Language and Culture
Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel	

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd. *(from recording)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gerald Morin, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. and conducted a roll call to confirm a quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for its January 19, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (210119-01)

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Agenda for the January 19, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of the Minutes:
 - 4.1 Approval of the December 11, 2020 Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) Resolutions:
 - 5.1 Adoption of the MNLA Agenda – February 20-21, 2021
 - 5.2 Appointment of Dumont Scouts
 - 5.3 Adoption of the Speaker/Deputy Speaker
 - 5.4 Direction on Regional Boundary Map Discrepancies
 - 5.5 Direction on Honorariums for MNLA - 2021
6. Resolution for Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)
7. Ministry Update:
 - 7.1 Batoche
8. Other Business
9. Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210119-02)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the December 11, 2020 PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting

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

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

Related information:

- *The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretary Portfolio Workplan – 2019-2020*
- *The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, January 2021*

After reviewing the information provided, it was noted that the Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, would be reviewed by the Finance Committee, prior to further discussion by the PMC.

The meeting was advised that the MN-S' preliminary response to the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) legislation was submitted to federal government and posted on the MN-S website. The MN-S' final response will be prepared after presentations to Parliamentary Committees, and after reviewing feedback received from MN-S citizens.

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

That the Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (210119-03)

5. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA) RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Adoption of the MNLA Agenda - February 20-21, 2021

Related information: Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the February 20-21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

During a review of the proposed agenda, it was noted that if a resolution requiring amendments to the "*Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (1993)*" is approved by 75% majority of the MNLA, a General Assembly would be required to ratify the approved amendments.

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on December 3, 2020, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

WHEREAS Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (Act), as amended, directs the Clerk of the MNLA, as defined at Article 2.4 of the Act, to draft an agenda for the MNLA as directed by the PMC and to compile the necessary documentation for the "Order of the Day";

AND WHEREAS an agenda is hereby proposed for the virtual MNLA to be held on February 20 and 21, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of January 19, 2021, hereby approves of the following Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on February 20 and 21, 2021:

DAY ONE – February 20, 2021:

1. Grand Entry:
 - a. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - b. Métis Anthem
 - c. O Canada
2. Greetings
3. State of the Nation – President McCallum:
 - a. Report on the MN-S' Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic – Minister Friesen

4. Roll Call:
 - a. Registered Delegates
5. MNLA Motions:
 - a. Adoption of the Minute Taker
 - b. Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - c. Order of the Day – Adoption of the Agenda
 - d. Appointment of Dumont's Scouts
 - e. Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
6. Reading of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes:
 - a. Adoption of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes
7. Chief Executive Officer Report – Richard Quintal
8. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Presentation
9. Motions and Resolutions
10. Adjournment

DAY TWO – February 21, 2021:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Registered Delegates
3. Motions to Accept Reports:
 - a. Executive
 - b. Regional
 - c. Ministerial
 - d. Affiliates
4. Notice of the 2021 May Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election
5. Budget:
 - a. Motion to Accept the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements
 - b. Appointment of the Auditor for 2020-2021
6. Adjournment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the MNLA, the Chief Executive Officer of the MN-S, prepare the Order of the Day, as defined at Article 2.11 of the *Act* to reflect the agenda as approved by this resolution of January 19, 2021.

CARRIED (210119-04)

One member abstained from the vote

5.2 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

Related information: Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting the Appointment of Dumont's Scouts for the February 20 and 21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

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

WHEREAS Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act (Act)*, as amended, directs the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint Dumont's Scouts, as defined at Article 2.7 of the *Act*, to maintain order and procedure during the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the PMC at their duly called meeting held on December 3, 2020, resolved that a MNLA would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC has determined at this meeting of January 19, 2021, that the following individuals be appointed as Dumont's Scouts within the meaning of Article 2.7 of the Act, to maintain order and procedure during the February 20 and 21, 2021, virtual MNLA:

- a. Wade Daigneault;
- b. Felix Merasty; and
- c. Josie Searson.

CARRIED (210119-05)

One member abstained from the vote

5.3 Adoption of Speaker/Deputy Speaker

Related information: Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Regarding the Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Virtual Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at their duly called meeting held on December 3, 2020, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

WHEREAS Article 5.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act (Act)*, as amended, directs the PMC to appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the MNLA;

WHEREAS Mike Nolan and Joe Blyan were appointed to act as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, at the November 8-9, 2019 meeting of the PMC;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Article 5.1.1 of the Act, the duration of the appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker is for a two-year term, subject to reappointment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting on January 19, 2021, confirms the appointment of:

- a. Mike Nolan to act as Speaker for the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA; and
 - b. Joe Blyan to act as Deputy Speaker for the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA;
- to exercise those powers as outlined at Articles 5.2-5.9 of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC confirms that the aforesaid appointments are in their second year of the two-year term, subject to reappointment.

CARRIED (210119-06)

One member abstained from the vote

5.4 Direction on Regional Boundary Map Discrepancies

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “Permission for Chief Electoral Officer to Resolve Boundary Disputes in Election 2021”, dated January 19, 2021*
- *Map titled, “Saskatchewan Métis Regions”, created January 24, 2011*
- *Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting Regional Boundaries*

While reviewing the map provided, discussion ensued on whether it reflected all resolutions passed at MNLAs and ratified by General Assemblies, amending the Regional Boundaries Map (Schedule A) of the “*Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (1993)*”. It was suggested that the correct map reflected Stony Rapids and Uranium City in Northern Region 1.

Request for Action

The Chief Executive Officer agreed to review the MNLA and General Assembly resolutions to determine amendments made to the MN-S regional boundaries, and to contact Area Directors (of the Regions affected by the boundary amendments), to discuss the changes made.

5.1 Direction on Honorariums for MNLA - 2021

Related information:

- *Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting Honoraria for Members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly*
- *Briefing note on “Honoraria for Delegates for Virtual Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, dated January 15, 2021*

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on December 3, 2020, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of January 19, 2021, hereby directs that each member of the MNLA, as defined in Articles 2.2 and 2.9 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* and Article 3.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, and who is in attendance at the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA, shall be paid a daily honorarium of \$150.00.

CARRIED (210119-07)

6. RESOLUTION FOR URBAN PROGRAMMING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UIP)

Related information:

- *Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples Operating Procedures*
- *Briefing note on “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UIP) – Program & Services”, dated January 15, 2021*

Lori Skjeie, Director, Language and Culture and UIP Coordinator, reviewed the draft recommendation on implementing a strategy, to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of the MN-S UIP programs and services. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The need for Locals and Regions to demonstrate transparency, accountability, eligibility and capacity in delivering UIP programs and services
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on UIP programming, and the potential to carry funds over to the next fiscal year
- Supporting Locals who are struggling with a lack of capacity to deliver programs.

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

WHEREAS Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples: Program and Services (UIP) funds are administered by the MN-S and funds are distributed after receipt of a proposal, budget and duly executed Regional Council motion;

WHEREAS the Regions are facing unique challenges, including, but not limited to, funding surpluses, delayed delivery and impasses in decision-making processes;

WHEREAS notwithstanding the above challenges, the MN-S UIP annual reporting for fiscal years ending 2018/19 and 2019/20 has been accepted by the Federal government;

WHEREAS the Director for Culture, Language and Heritage, as UIP Coordinator, has recommended a strategy to ensure the continued delivery of the UIP program and services to address surplus funding, delayed delivery and decision-making impasses, as presented at this meeting of January 19, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED that at this meeting of the PMC held on January 19, 2021, that Regions with a surplus of UIP program funding in excess of one year shall have their surplus UIP funds administered as follows:

1. On or before March 31, 2021, the MN-S Head Office will accept amended UIP proposals subject to a “duly executed Regional Council Motion”;
2. Surplus UIP funds will be re-allocated through a “Call for Proposals” to Locals to access UIP funding directly;
3. Should a UIP surplus remain after the “Call for Proposals” to Locals is completed, the surplus will revert back to the MN-S Head Office for other UIP projects to be administered centrally;
4. Where there is an impasse in decision making for Regional UIP program funding for fiscal years 2018/19 and 2019/20, the appropriate MN-S Head Office technical staff will assume co-management of remaining surplus UIP funds and program services, to be administered centrally at MN-S Head Office; and
5. All UIP programming and services will meet and adhere to COVID-19 pandemic measures and related Saskatchewan Health guidelines.

CARRIED (210119-08)

7. MINISTRY UPDATE

7.1 Batoche

Related information: Briefing note on “Planning for 50th Anniversary of Back to Batoche Days”, dated January 15, 2021

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Language, Culture and Heritage, confirmed that the 50th Anniversary of Back to Batoche Days would be held virtually on July 22-25, 2021. Ideas for the online events included: the creation of a 50th Anniversary Métis sash; and a series of photographic panels commemorating past Back to Batoche celebrations.

It was confirmed that preparations to hold the Back to Batoche events virtually were being prioritized. Plans would also be made to hold Back to Batoche events in-person (potentially in August 2021) in the event that the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were lifted in advance. The decision on whether the event would proceed virtually or in-person, would be made in consultation with the Minister of Health, subject to any applicable public health orders in effect.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee (IMAC) – Line 3 Appointments

The meeting was informed that President McCallum recommended the appointment of Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A, and Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A, to IMAC. Appreciation was extended to Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3, for her prior participation and involvement with the committee.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Ensuring ongoing conversations with the five regions (and Locals) impacted by Line 3
- Recognizing requirements related to “duty to consult and accommodate”
- Benefits of pursuing future appointments from each of the five impacted Regions.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council approves the following changes to the MN-S’ representation on the Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee – Line 3, effective January 19, 2021:

1. Appoint Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A;
2. Appoint Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A; and
3. Remove Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3.

CARRIED (210119-09)

Five members voted in opposition

8.2 Environment

During discussion it was suggested that questions related to the provision of gift certificates to MN-S Environment Survey respondents, be directed to the MN-S Director of Environment.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

That the January 19, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn to a Closed In-Camera Session.

CARRIED (210119-10)

Time: 11:30 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

The January 19, 2021 Provincial Métis Council Meeting reconvened at approximately 11:55 a.m.

8.3 In-Camera

Related information: Draft Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Provincial Métis Council In-Camera Meeting

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

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

That the Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council In-Camera Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (210119-11)

Three members voted in opposition

9. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded at approximately 12:10 p.m. with a Closing Prayer provided by Elder Fleury.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the January 19, 2021 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting scheduled January 21, 2021
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held December 11, 2020
3. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC In-Camera Meeting held December 11, 2020
4. Document titled, “The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretary Portfolio Workplan – 2019-2020”
5. Document titled, “The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, January 2021”
6. Draft Resolution to Adopt the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly
7. Draft Resolution Respecting the Appointment of Dumont Scouts to the February 20 and 21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
8. Draft Resolution Respecting the Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Virtual Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly
9. Briefing Note on “Permission for Chief Electoral Officer to Resolve Boundary Disputes in Election 2021”, dated January 19, 2021
10. Map titled, “Saskatchewan Métis Regions”, created January 24, 2011
11. Draft Resolution Respecting Regional Boundaries
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15. Briefing note on “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) – Program & Services”, dated January 15, 2021
16. Briefing note on “Planning for 50th Anniversary of Back to Batoche Days”, dated January 15, 2021

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
IMAC	Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples