



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
held April 19, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held April 19, 2022, at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
Michelle LeClair, Vice President (Co-Chair)
Lisa McCallum, Secretary
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3*

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A*
(arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m.)
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
(Co-Chair)
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
(arrived at 11:25 a.m.)
Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

ABSENT:

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Felix Merasty
Elder Max Morin

Elder Deborah Smith

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst
Monica Goulet, Acting Director of Culture
and Heritage
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the Chief
Executive Officer

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Kelly Pruden, Project Manager
Riva Racette, Legal Counsel*
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Susan Shacter, Policy Analyst
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

(Denotes attendance by videoconference)*

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied at the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered and are numbered as indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council (Co-Chair), confirmed quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Michelle LeClair)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its April 19, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220419-01)

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Deborah Smith offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Agenda for the April 19, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the March 10-11, 2022 Minutes
 - 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 Managing Last Minute Agenda Items
 - 8.2 Back to Batoche 2022 Budget Approval
 - 8.3 Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment
 - 8.4 Resolution Introduction Template
 - 8.5 Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee - Appointments
 - 8.6 Approval of the MNLA Dumont's Scouts
 - 8.7 Approval of the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker
9. Updates:
 - 9.1 Les Filles De Madeleine
 - 9.2 Building Purchases
10. In-Camera Meeting:
 - 10.1 Access to the MN-S Citizenship Lists
 - 10.2 Human Resource Committee Update
 - 10.3 Northwest Land Claim

- 10.4 Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program
- 10.5 Finance Update – Canada Revenue Agency
- 11. Other Business:
 - 11.1 Housing Support - Cabin Owners
- 12. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (220419-02)

9:30 a.m. (approximately)

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A, joined the meeting by videoconference.

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Glen McCallum, President, acknowledged citizens' appreciation for the assistance the MN-S provided during the COVID-19 pandemic. PMC members were encouraged to continue to support the delivery of programs and services designed to benefit MN-S citizens.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the March 10-11, 2022 Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the March 10-11, 2022, PMC Meeting

Lisa McCallum, Secretary, read aloud the resolutions and decisions included in the draft minutes.

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the minutes, comments were offered on:

- The reminder that PMC Executive Members must notify Regional Directors when they are coming into their Region to discuss MN-S business
- Potentially reviewing the feasibility of providing additional funding to assist Elders with housing improvements through the Emergency Home Repair Program;
- The Terms of Reference being developed for the Commissioner for Review of Locals, which will acknowledge the involvement of Regional Directors and Locals
- Recognition that the Provincial Secretary was invited to attend the Constitutional Reform sessions and that travel expenses related to her attendance would be covered.

7.1 Approval of the March 10-11, 2022 Minutes (Continued)

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

That the Minutes of the March 10-11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular meeting be approved with an amendment to indicate when Kathie Pruden Nansel and Michelle LeClair departed the meeting for the PMC's consideration of some specific in-camera items.

CARRIED (220419-03)

Change in Chair

Michelle LeClair, Vice President, assumed the Chair at 10:05 a.m.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Managing Last Minute Agenda Items

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution for a Process to Manage Late Agenda Items”, dated April 19, 2022

President McCallum referenced the schedule for submitting information and resolutions for consideration at Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies (MNLAs). A similar schedule was proposed for submitting information and resolutions for consideration at PMC meetings.

Change in Chair

Autumn LaRose-Smith assumed the Chair at 10:10 a.m.

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

WHEREAS the Chair of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) is responsible for managing the PMC’s decision-making process and, in so doing, must maintain the integrity of the deliberative functions of the PMC in accordance with principles of fairness and due process;

WHEREAS the addition of agenda items after submission deadlines disrupts the deliberative process, denies members sufficient time to review meeting materials and make well-considered and informed decisions, and is at odds with the principles of good governance;

WHEREAS review of proposals by the Finance Committee adds valuable due diligence on financial considerations, and this layer of scrutiny is unavailable when items are submitted late;

WHEREAS it is recognized that there are exceptional and unavoidable circumstances which require the PMC to consider urgent matters of public health and safety, commercial, legal or social importance on an exceptional basis; and

WHEREAS it is the role of the PMC Chair to balance the interests of members of the PMC, the MN-S government and the Métis general public, so that processes are open and accountable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of the PMC meeting scheduled for May 17, 2022, the Chair of the PMC will accept late or last-minute additions to the PMC agenda only if they involve the following:

- Urgent or emergency/emerging public health, safety or public policy matters that must be addressed within the current PMC meeting cycle;
- Transactional commercial or contractual issues which have emerged since the deadline for agenda submissions, which must be resolved prior to the next PMC meeting;
- Matters which must be resolved within the current PMC meeting cycle to avoid putting the MN-S government at financial or legal risk; or
- Items of an exceptional nature which are deemed sufficiently important at the discretion of the Chair and with the approval of a simple majority of the PMC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such exceptional item(s) allowed by the Chair for addition to the PMC meeting agenda must be:

- Submitted to the Chief Executive Officer 14 days prior to the PMC meeting; and
- Accompanied by a briefing note in the prescribed format detailing the proposal and the reasons for its urgency for consideration by the PMC.

CARRIED (220419-04)

8.2 Back to Batoche 2022 Budget Approval

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note on “Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Budget Request”, dated April 19, 2022
- Back to Batoche, Projected Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ended March 31, 2022
- Resolution on “2022 Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Celebration Budget”, dated April 19, 2022

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed information provided on the Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival scheduled July 21-24, 2022, and offered additional comments on:

- Events intended to promote the development of cultural and social connections
- The budget proposed for the Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival, outlined in the “Statement of Income and Expenses”.

During discussion, comments and clarifications were offered on:

- Options for potentially utilizing surplus COVID-19 funding
- Enabling PMC members and staff to stay at the Batoche site during the Festival rather than travelling to the site each day
- Funding to be drawn from the entertainment budget for some activities and events, and from the “infrastructure” budget for site maintenance and improvements
- Providing complimentary admission for Elders and Veterans
- A shuttle service donated between Saskatoon and the Batoche site.

Request for Action (RFA-220419-01)

It was requested that Provincial Métis Council members identify citizens in their respective regions who have contributed to community development to be recognized during the 2022 Back to Batoche Festival.

It was MOVED (Brent Digness) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the Métis government that represents Saskatchewan’s Métis citizens;

WHEREAS the MN-S government is committed to promoting the preservation and continuation of Métis identity, culture, and ways of life;

WHEREAS the MN-S recognizes the importance of gathering in-person and collectively healing from the isolation and separation experienced by MN-S citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) is supportive of holding an in-person Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival on July 21-24, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves the proposed \$500,000 budget for the Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Festival as presented, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

CARRIED (220419-05)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. Leonard Montgrand was present when the meeting resumed.

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

WHEREAS Elders and Veterans are a valued and honoured part of the Métis community in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Back to Batoche Festival is an opportunity to bring Métis citizens, families and community together to celebrate the Métis way of life, traditions and culture and visit with each other;

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) wishes to recognize the traditional and important role of Elders and Veterans, as we work towards the upcoming 50th Anniversary Back to Batoche Festival;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC directs that there be complimentary entrance for Elders, Veterans and their spouses and caregivers/helpers to all Back to Batoche Festivals.

CARRIED (220419-06)

Request for Action (RFA-220419-02)

It was requested that a future Provincial Métis Council meeting consider a definition for Métis "Elders".

8.3 Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Briefing Note on "Emergency Home Repair Program – Eligibility Amendment", submitted by Minister Ryan Carriere, dated April 19, 2022*
- *Resolution titled, "MN-S Emergency Home Repair Program – Eligibility Amendment", dated April 19, 2022*

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, reviewed the information provided and commented on a proposed recommendation to reduce the maximum household income to be eligible to apply for funding through the Emergency Home Repair Program from \$100,000 to \$75,000 per year.

During discussion, comments and clarifications were offered on:

- A suggestion to consider two funding streams for the Emergency Home Repair Program:
 - o Low single-income households earning less than \$75,000 per year
 - o Low dual-income households earning less than \$100,000 per year, potentially in areas where there is a higher cost of living
- Postponing consideration of the proposed resolution, pending further information, including:
 - o Demographic information for Region(s) with a significant number of applications
 - o Whether having homeowner's insurance is included in the eligibility criteria
- The value of the Emergency Home Repair Applications submitted, which significantly exceeds the program budget
- Notifying citizens who may be impacted by revisions to the program.

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Emergency Home Repair Program is intended to support low-income MN-S citizens with emergency home repairs;

WHEREAS the demand for program funding greatly exceeds annual program funding;

WHEREAS the current maximum annual household income to be eligible is \$100,000;

WHEREAS, due to the higher income threshold, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Emergency Home Repair Program does not meet the definition of “core housing need”; and

WHEREAS there is a need to reduce the maximum annual household income eligibility threshold to balance program demand and ensure funding is directed to its intended target.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the maximum annual household income to be eligible for the program will be no greater than \$75,000 per household for all completed applications following March 31, 2022.

MOTION TABLED

Request for Action (RFA-220419-03)

It was requested that further discussion on the Emergency Home Repair Program and the related motion tabled at the April 19, 2022, Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be considered at the next PMC meeting, along with additional information from the Minister of Housing and Director of Housing, on the program and related financial implications.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

8.4 Resolution Introduction Template

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution titled, “Resolution to Include a Standard Introduction for all Resolutions”, dated April 19, 2022

During discussion, comments were offered on the March 10-11, 2022 PMC Meeting’s direction to preface future PMC resolutions with two specific “WHEREAS” clauses.

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directed at their meeting on March 10-11, 2022, that all proposals for the PMC’s consideration should include reference to the distinctive identity, culture, language and values of Métis people; and

WHEREAS the PMC also wants resolutions to reflect the cross-ministerial cooperation of proposals from the MN-S government, consistent with the mandate letters given to each Minister upon their appointment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all ministerial resolutions submitted for consideration by the PMC will begin with the following two clauses:

- 1) “WHEREAS the government of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) will include distinctiveness processes based on our identity, culture, values and language, inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, youth and distinct resources” and

- 2) “WHEREAS the [relevant Ministry’s name] works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs”.

CARRIED (220419-07)

8.5 Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee - Appointments

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution titled, “Resolution to Appoint Members to the Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee”, dated April 19, 2022

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

WHEREAS the second term of the Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC) is coming to an end, and the IAMC is initiating a selection process for two Line 3 IAMC members to represent the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan in the Line 3 IAMC’s upcoming term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Provincial Métis Council members be appointed to participate on the Line 3 IAMC for the upcoming term, effective April 19, 2022:

- Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3; and
- Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A.

CARRIED (220419-08)

Four votes in opposition

8.6 Approval of the MNLA Dumont’s Scouts

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution to Appoint Dumont’s Scouts for the June 3-5, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, dated April 19, 2022

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

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

WHEREAS the PMC, at the duly called meeting held on January 26, 2022, resolved that a MNLA would be held June 3-5, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC has determined at this meeting of April 19, 2022, that the following individuals be appointed as Dumont’s Scouts within the meaning of Article 2.7 of the *Act*, for June 3-5, 2022 MNLA:

- 1) Wade Daigneault;
- 2) Felix Merasty; and
- 3) Josie Searson.

CARRIED (220419-09)

Change in Chair

Autumn LaRose-Smith assumed the Chair for consideration of the next item.

8.7 Approval of the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution titled, “Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, dated April 19, 2022

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* directs the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the MN-S PMC at their duly called meeting on January 26, 2022, resolved that a MNLA would be held June 3-5, 2022; and

WHEREAS the MN-S PMC, at their duly called meeting on April 19, 2022, considered the interim appointment of Marilyn Poitras as Speaker and Mike Nolin as Deputy Speaker for the spring sitting of the MNLA on June 3-5, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC ratify the interim appointments of Marilyn Poitras as Speaker and Mike Nolin as Deputy Speaker for the June 3-5, 2022 MNLA.

CARRIED (220419-10)

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair assumed the Chair at this point.

9. UPDATES

9.1 Les Filles De Madeleine

It was confirmed that the President of Les Filles de Madeleine was absent and would be reminded to provide the information requested by the PMC at three prior meetings.

Request for Action (RFA-220419-04)

It was requested that Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) provide for consideration at the next PMC meeting the following items requested at the March 10-11, 2022, November 15, 2021, and January 26, 2022, Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meetings:

- *Budget documents indicating how funds allocated to the LFDM have been utilized (including funding previously provided to the LFDM to support the September 2021 election);*
- *Clarification on the role of the LFDM and its relationship with the PMC;*
- *Further information on the upcoming election process, including the proposed election date;*
- *The LFDM Constitution and Bylaws document; and*
- *The Minutes of the April 10, 2021, LFDM Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors (referenced at the August 17, 2021, PMC Meeting).*

9.2 Building Purchases

Kelly Pruden, Project Manager, provided updates on the status of building and property purchases, approved at the March 10-11, 2022 PMC Meeting.

10. IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was agreed to now adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider the following items included on the approved agenda:

- 10.1 Access to the MN-S Citizenship List
- 10.2 Human Resource Committee Update
- 10.3 Northwest Land Claim
- 10.4 Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program
- 10.5 Finance Update - Canada Revenue Agency.

Vice President LeClair confirmed she would be absent for consideration of Item 10.2.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

That the April 19, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220419-11)

(Time: 1:45 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220419-12)

(Time: 6:40 p.m.)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Housing Support - Cabin Owners

This item was withdrawn.

11.2 Next Meeting Date

Request for Action (RFA-220419-05)

It was requested that the May 17, 2022, Provincial Métis Council meeting be rescheduled for May 11, 2022.

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

That the April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (220419-13)

The April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded at 6:50 p.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Deborah Smith.

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the April 19, 2022, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the April 19, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the March 10-11, 2022, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Draft “Resolution for a Process to Manage Late Agenda Items”, dated April 19, 2022
4. Briefing Note on "Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Budget Request", dated April 19, 2022
5. Back to Batoche, Projected Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ended March 31, 2022
6. Resolution on "2022 Back to Batoche 50th Anniversary Celebration Budget", dated April 19, 2022
7. Briefing Note on "Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment", submitted by Minister Ryan Carriere, dated April 19, 2022
8. Resolution titled, "MN-S Emergency Home Repair Program - Eligibility Amendment", dated April 19, 2022
9. Resolution titled, “Resolution to Include a Standard Introduction for all Resolutions”, dated April 19, 2022
10. Resolution titled, “Resolution to Appoint Members to the Line 3 Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee”, dated April 19, 2022
11. Resolution to Appoint Dumont’s Scouts for the June 3-5, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, dated April 19, 2022
12. Resolution titled, “Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, dated April 19, 2022

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

IAMC	Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee
ISSET	Indigenous Skills and Employment Training
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council