



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
held May 11, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held May 11, 2022, at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
Michelle LeClair, Vice President
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*
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine* (arrived at 12:50 p.m.)
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A*

ABSENT:

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury
Elder Max Morin

Elder Deborah Smith
Josh Morrison, Legal Counsel, MLT Aikins LLP* (for Item #8.3)

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst
Mark Calette, Senior Director, Lands and Consultation
Michael Gatton, Commissioner for Review of Locals
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator

Cole McAllister, Policy and Research
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy 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

President Glen McCallum confirmed a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its May 11, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220511-01)

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

That the Agenda for the May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the April 19, 2022 Minutes
 - 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
8. In-Camera Meeting:
 - 8.1 Human Resources Committee - Update
9. Resolutions for the 2022 Spring Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):
 - 9.1 Approval of MNLA Order of the Day
 - 9.2 Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
 - 9.3 Approval of Locals to Participate at the MNLA
10. Update:
 - 10.1 Request for Action - Les Filles De Madeleine
11. Other Business:
 - 11.1 Declaration of Employment – Status Update
 - 11.2 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors Appointment for Eastern Region 3
 - 11.3 Regional Symposiums
12. Conclusion and Closing Prayer

CARRIED (220511-02)

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

6.1 MN-S Presentation to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, reported that on May 10, 2022, MN-S Ministry of Health representatives presented to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, on the Administration and Accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Health Benefits.

The presentation focused on the importance of Métis citizens receiving the same distinction-based approach to health care as other Indigenous peoples.

6.2 Remarks from the President

President McCallum acknowledged the continued involvement of Elders in MN-S discussions, the ongoing achievements of MN-S' ministries, and the MN-S government's responsibility to represent its citizens with accountability and transparency.

6.3 Commissioner for Review of Locals

Vice President Michelle LeClair introduced Michael Gatin, who was recently selected as "Commissioner for Review of Locals", based on the MNLA's direction to appoint a Commissioner to review and examine the status of all Locals in Saskatchewan.

Michael Gatin introduced himself and extended appreciation for the opportunity to consult with communities and leaders on the function of Locals.

Change in Chair

President McCallum noted the intent to provide other PMC members with the opportunity to Chair PMC meetings and invited Autumn LaRose-Smith to assume the Chair at 9:40 a.m.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the April 19, 2022 Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the April 19, 2022, PMC Meeting

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

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the March 10-11, 2022 PMC Minutes, comments were offered on:

- An update anticipated at the next PMC meeting on the Emergency Home Repair Program (referenced in Request for Action #RFA-220419-03); and
- Information being compiled in response to the PMC's request for a definition of Métis "Elders" (referenced in Request for Action #RFA-220419-02).

Request for Action (RFA-220511-01)

It was requested that the Agenda for the next Provincial Métis Council Meeting include:

- *Update on the Emergency Home Repair Program; and*
- *Presentation on the Roles of MN-S Elders.*

9.1 Approval of the April 19, 2022 Minutes (Continued)

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

That the Minutes of the April 19, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular meeting be approved, with an amendment to clarify Resolution #220419-03 to indicate that "Kathie Pruden Nansel and Michelle LeClair departed the meeting for the PMC's consideration of some specific in-camera items".

CARRIED (220511-03)

8. IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was agreed to now adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider the following item included on the approved agenda: Item 8.1. “Human Resources Committee – Update”.

Vice President LeClair departed the meeting for the PMC’s consideration of Item 8.1. “Human Resources Committee – Update”.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220511-04)

(Time: 9:55 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220511-05)

(Time: 10:30 a.m.)

9. RESOLUTIONS (For the 2022 Spring MNLA)

9.1 Approval of MNLA Order of the Day

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Metis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly”, dated May 11, 2022

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reviewed the proposed Agenda/Order of the Day for the June 3-5, 2022, MNLA.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Adjusting the Agenda/Order of the Day to include presentations from representatives of the Federal Government and Provincial Government
- Providing an opportunity for the Elder Representative (Elder Margaret Harrison) to speak
- Including an opportunity for discussion on the MN-S Treasurer position; relevant information should be provided to support the MNLA’s informed discussion
- Reminders sent to PMC members regarding deadlines for submitting reports for inclusion in the MNLA Agenda.

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on January 26, 2022, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for June 3-5, 2022;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the June 3-5, 2022, MNLA would be held in person at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (the “Act”), as amended, directs the Clerk of the MNLA, as defined in 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;

WHEREAS an agenda is hereby proposed for the MNLA to be held on June 3-5, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC, at this meeting of May 11, 2022, hereby approves the following Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on June 3-5, 2022:

I. WORKSHOP FORUMS - June 3, 2022

II. MNLA DAY ONE – June 4, 2022

1. Grand Entry:
 - a. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - b. Fiddle – Dean Smith
 - c. Métis Anthem – Krystal Pederson
 - d. Drum Song – Elder Toni Lemaigre
 - e. O Canada - Krystal Pederson
2. State of the Nation - President McCallum
3. Elder Representative for North, Central and South – Elder Margaret Harrison
4. Greetings:
 - a. President Cassidy Caron – Métis National Council
 - b. Vice Chief Ally Bear – Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
 - c. First Nation Representative (to be determined)
 - d. Federal Government Representative (to be determined)
 - e. Provincial Government Representative (to be determined)
 - f. Charlie Clark – Mayor of the City of Saskatoon
5. Roll Call - Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer and Clerk of the MNLA:
 - a. Registered Delegates
6. Health Break
7. MNLA Motions:
 - a. Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - b. Adoption of Agenda – Order of the Day
 - c. Adoption of the Minute Taker – Carrie Peacock
 - d. Adoption of Dumont’s Scouts
 - e. Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
8. November 27-28, 2021 MNLA Minutes:
 - a. Adoption of the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA Minutes
9. Lunch
10. Legal Update – Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP:
 - a. Self-Government
 - b. Land Claims
 - c. Harvesting
11. Justice Ministry Update – Vice President Michelle LeClair:
 - a. Commissioner of Review of Locals
 - b. Judicial System/Tribunal
 - c. Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School Commission - Update
12. Discussion on the Resignation of the MN-S Treasurer

13. Adjournment
14. Closing Prayer – Elder Deborah Smith

III. MNLA DAY TWO – June 5, 2022

1. Opening Prayer – Elder Margaret Harrison
2. Roll Call
3. Report from the Clerk of the MNLA
4. Motions to Accept Reports:
 - a. Executive
 - b. Regional
 - c. Ministerial
 - d. Affiliates
5. Resolutions:
 - a. Tabled Resolutions from the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA
 - b. New Resolutions
6. Conclusion

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk of the MNLA prepare the Order of the Day, as defined in Article 2.11 of the *Act*, to reflect the Agenda as approved by this resolution of May 11, 2022.

CARRIED (220511-06)

It was agreed to extend the deadline for submitting Regional Reports and Ministerial Reports for the MNLA Agenda to May 13, 2022. The CEO confirmed that further information on the June 3, 2022 Discussion Forums would soon be provided.

9.2 Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution to “Approve New Local in Eastern Region 3”, dated May 11, 2022

Marg Friesen confirmed that the Eastern Region 3 Regional Council had unanimously supported the establishment of Moosomin Local #44 as a new Local.

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

WHEREAS Article 7.3 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) states: “New Locals can be admitted by the Regional Councils provided this decision is ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, and the requirements herein are met”;

WHEREAS Article 7.2 of the *Constitution* states that “Locals shall be made up of at least nine members”;

WHEREAS Article 7.1 of the *Constitution* states that “Locals shall be the basic unit of the Organization in each community”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council endorses the recommendation of the Eastern Region 3 Regional Council for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to accept Moosomin Local #44 as a full voting member.

CARRIED (220511-07)

9.3 Approval of Locals to Participate at the MNLA

Related information (displayed at the meeting): Draft resolution to allow “Locals which have applied for recognition and been rejected by their Regional Councils, to participate at the MNLA”

Vice President LeClair reviewed the draft resolution and the proposed list of Locals to be considered for inclusion as voting members at the MNLA.

Josh Morrison, Legal Counsel, MLT Aikins LLP, provided comments on:

- Section 2.3 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”), which states, “The Métis Nation Legislative shall have the authority to enact legislation, regulations, rules and resolutions governing the affairs and conduct of the Métis in Saskatchewan”
- Section 7.3 of the *Constitution*, which states, “New Locals can be admitted by the Regional Councils provided this decision is ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”
- The MN-S’ appointment of a Commissioner for Review of Locals to consider matters related to MN-S Locals.

Discussion ensued on the list of Locals proposed in the draft resolution, which included Locals from only one region.

Vice President LeClair subsequently withdrew the resolution, noting that it may be brought forward for consideration at the MNLA.

12:50 p.m.

Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles De Madeleine, joined the meeting.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Declaration of Employment – Status Update

President McCallum reminded PMC members of Resolution #220311-02, which directed “PMC members who are portfolio holders and/or act in a ministerial role to confirm in writing that they hold no outside employment, contracts, or any other employment obligations that would contravene the spirit and intent of the PMC’s November 15, 2021 Resolution #211115-10”.

Request for Action (RFA-220511-02)

It was requested that Resolution #220311-02 be sent to the Provincial Métis Council, with a reminder to respond to President McCallum.

11.2 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors Appointment for Eastern Region 3

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

That the Provincial Métis Council approve the appointment of Joanne Pelletier as the Eastern Region 3 representative to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors.

CARRIED (220511-08)

11.3 Regional Symposiums

Discussion ensued on the feasibility of scheduling “Regional Symposiums” in each Region to deliver information on MN-S services and programs (e.g., the Emergency Home Repair Program).

Request for Action (RFA-220511-03)

It was requested that a future Provincial Métis Council meeting discuss the feasibility of scheduling “Regional Symposiums” in all Regions to deliver information on the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan’s entities, affiliates, programs and services.

10. UPDATES

10.1 Request for Action - Les Filles De Madeleine

Related information (provided with the agenda): Memo from Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles De Madeleine, with the following attachments:

- *April 10, 2021 Minutes of LFDM Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors Meeting*
- *Clarification of the Role of LFDM*
- *Bylaws of Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc. (also known as “Métis Women of Saskatchewan”), dated 2019*

Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles De Madeleine (LFDM), reviewed the information provided and offered additional comments on:

- Funding allocated to the LFDM for personnel, office expenses, etc.
- The role of the “Métis Women” referenced in the *Constitution*
- Scheduling the LFDM election in collaboration with the CEO and Minister of Finance.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The LFDM Board of Directors’ plans to meet within the next few weeks to prepare a process for holding a fair and transparent election, along with a related budget plan, for submission to the Minister of Finance (within the next month)
- Potentially holding a virtual election (similar to the Provincial Métis Youth Council election)
- The allocation of 10 votes per region for the LFDM election, regardless of the size of each region; future consideration could be given to a “representation by population” model
- The importance of providing an opportunity for Métis women to convene to discuss issues of importance to Métis women.

9.1 Approval of MNLA Order of the Day (Continued)

The CEO offered further information on the June 3, 2022 Discussion Forums scheduled prior to the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA, noting that:

- Separate one-hour sessions will be held for delegates, focussed on: The Tribunal, the Commission for the Review of Locals, Harvesting, and Land Claims / Traditional Land Use
- The previous MNLA requested that future Dialogue Forums include a basic “Financial Workshop” to explain how to read the audited financial statements and other schedules being presented for consideration at the MNLA:
 - o Sufficient time was required for the “Financial Workshop”, which could not be accommodated within a one-hour Dialogue Forum
 - o A virtual “Finance Workshop” would be arranged in advance of the MNLA, which all MNLA delegates could access electronically
- Further information on the Dialogue Forums will be provided.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Queries raised during the last MNLA on items referenced in the financial statements, which were answered at the subsequent PMC meeting
- Structuring the Finance Workshop to provide basic information on revenue streams, expense lines etc., included in the MN-S' financial statements.

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded at 3:15 p.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Deborah Smith.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the May 11, 2022, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the May 11, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the April 19, 2022, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Draft "Resolution of the Provincial Metis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly", dated May 11, 2022
4. Draft resolution to "Approve New Local in Eastern Region 3", dated May 11, 2022
5. Draft resolution to allow "Locals which have applied for recognition and been rejected by their Regional Councils, to participate at the MNLA"
6. April 10, 2021 Minutes of LFDM Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
7. Clarification of the Role of LFDM
8. Bylaws of Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc. (also known as "Métis Women of Saskatchewan"), dated 2019

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council