



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
held June 28, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held June 28, 2022, by videoconference.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
(departed at 12:45 p.m.)
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
(departed at 12:45 p.m.)
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
(departed at 12:45 p.m.)
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury

Elder Max Morin

MN-S OFFICE:

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child
Care / Child and Family Services
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator
Claire Letendre, Technical Support

Eric McAllister, Intern
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda was 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 / QUORUM CONFIRMED

Vice President LeClair confirmed a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its June 28, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (220628-01)

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

That the Agenda for the June 28, 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 Draft Minutes of the May 11, 2022 PMC Meeting
 - 7.2 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022 PMC Meeting
 - 7.3 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022 PMC Meeting
8. Human Resources Committee – In-Camera
9. Portfolio Reassignments
10. Finance Update
11. Early Learning and Child Care: Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow Aen Pakey (Buffalo Learning Program)
12. Regional Youth Selection Process
13. First Time Home Buyers Program and Emergency Repair Program
14. Other Business:
 - 14.1 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) Funding
 - 14.2 PMC Regional Protocols
 - 14.3 Back to Batoche
 - 14.4 Elders Council Protocols
15. Conclusion and Closing Prayer

CARRIED (220628-02)

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Glen McCallum commended the MN-S portfolio-holders and staff for their ongoing efforts and flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic. He confirmed that he looked forward to discussions on maintaining relationships, including with provincial and federal governments.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the May 11, 2022 PMC Meeting

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

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

Regarding Request for Action #RFA-220511-02, President McCallum confirmed that legal advice had been obtained and that the matter had been addressed.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

That the Minutes of the May 11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (220628-03)

7.2 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022 PMC Meeting

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022 PMC Meeting

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

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Tim Roussin)

That the Minutes of the May 27, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (220628-04)

7.3 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022 PMC Meeting

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022 PMC Meeting

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

During discussion, comments were offered on the feasibility of considering the role of the Treasurer at the next MNLA.

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Minutes of the June 4, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved with an amendment to indicate that Tim Roussin attended the meeting by teleconference.

CARRIED (220628-05)

Meeting Recessed

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

8. IN-CAMERA MEETING

8.1 Human Resources Committee

It was agreed to adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider Item 8.1. “Human Resources Committee – Update”.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Tim Roussin)

That the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220628-06)

(Time: 10:25 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220628-07)

(Time: 12:25 p.m.)

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair assumed the Chair at approximately 12:30 p.m.

9.1 Human Resources Committee

It was confirmed that the following resolution was duly passed during the June 28, 2022, In-Camera meeting of the PMC:

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Human Resources (HR) Committee presented its recommendations to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at its duly convened meeting on June 1, 2022, of a complaint filed on January 26, 2022, against Sherry McLennan (the Respondent) by Vice President Michelle LeClair (the Complainant) with respect to the unauthorized use of a MN-S vehicle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby supports the recommendations as presented by the HR Committee in its report dated May 27, 2022, and further directs that the recommendations be implemented as follows:

- A. That within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the Respondent formally apologizes to the PMC in writing:
- (i) For compromising relationships with other governments, stakeholders and Métis citizens;
 - (ii) For the reputational damage sustained by the MN-S government as a result of the Respondent's actions;
 - (iii) As part of the aforementioned apology, the Respondent make a formal written commitment to rebuild the trust and confidence of her fellow members of the PMC;

- B. Effective immediately, that the Respondent be prohibited from personally renting any further rental vehicles at the MN-S' expense or through any MN-S account;
- C. Recommend to the President to consider the Respondent's immediate removal from portfolio and standing committee(s);
- D. That the PMC work with appropriate technicians to develop protocols and/or policies governing elected officials on subject matters, including:
 - (i) Under what circumstances MN-S' property can be used;
 - (ii) How the MN-S branding should be used, and for what purposes;
 - (iii) How the Métis flag should be used by elected officials as representatives of the MN-S government (protocols related to the Métis flag will be developed in consultation with the Métis Elders Council and the Métis Veterans Council); and
 - (iv) That an update on the status of protocols and/or policies be provided within 90 days of the date of this resolution.

CARRIED (IC-220628-01)

8. Portfolio Reassignments

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution on "Approving Ministerial Portfolio Reassignments", dated June 28, 2022

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, read aloud the resolution presented for consideration.

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

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* (the "Constitution") confer upon the President the sole discretion to assign Ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* further mandates that the assignment of Ministerial portfolios is restricted to members of the MNLA;

WHEREAS President Glen McCallum determined it is in the best interests of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan that certain Ministerial portfolios be reorganized and reassigned to promote an efficient and responsive government;

WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, the President directed that the Ministerial portfolios be reassigned, effective the same date, and until such time as the PMC confirms its approval of the same at its next duly held meeting – to be ratified at the next MNLA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby confirms its approval of the following Ministerial portfolio re-assignments and Ministerial appointments as directed by President McCallum on June 28, 2022:

- Culture and Heritage: Minister Ryan Carriere
- Economic Development and Tourism: Minister Brent Digness
- Early Learning and Child Care and Post-Secondary Education: Minister Tim Roussin
- Housing and Infrastructure: Minister Loretta King
- Women and Gender Equity: Minister Tammy Mah.

CARRIED (220628-08)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

10. Finance Update

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, confirmed that COVID-19 support funding had now been depleted, and would be discontinued in 30 days. Additional comments were offered on:

- Returning rental vehicles secured with COVID-19 funding within 30 days; alternatively, a Regional Council motion could support retaining a vehicle, using regional capacity funds
- Distributing the COVID-19 support funds remaining from an agreement reached by the Meadow Lake Tribal Council and federal government (specifically for northern communities).

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- COVID-19 funding, which was held for some regions by the Finance Department; any remaining unspent funding will still be available to those regions
- Prior discussions regarding purchasing 15-passenger vans (unrelated to COVID-19 funding):
 - o The MN-S' current funding priorities focus on the delivery of programs and services
 - o The purchase of passenger vans may be pursued in the future
- Discussions anticipated at the fall PMC retreat on establishing regional offices to be operated by the government to deliver programs and services to MN-S citizens.

11. Early Learning and Child Care: Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow Aen Pakay (Buffalo Learning Program)

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, "Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (Buffalo Learning Program)", dated June 28, 2022
- Draft resolution to "Support the Creation of the ELCC: Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (Buffalo Learning Program)", dated June 28, 2022

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services, reviewed the briefing note and reported that applications received would be verified by the Registry office. Non-identifying demographic data would be shared with the PMC when providing updates on the program's success.

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, Youth and distinctive resources, which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS sharing and building resources for our Métis children will provide more Métis children the opportunity to learn their Métis identity, culture, language and traditions;

WHEREAS Métis-centred programming and resources delivered directly to children will support Métis families;

WHEREAS Métis families and caregivers have requested more Métis-focused materials for their children;

WHEREAS the Lii Bufloo Maachi Kashkitow aen Pakay (the “Lii Bufloo Program”) will encourage families to learn together, enhance early literacy and provide culturally appropriate learning resources;

WHEREAS the Lii Bufloo Program will continue to build lifelong love of pride in Métis culture; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of ELCC has recommended to the PMC at this meeting of June 28, 2022, to support the creation and acquisition of Métis early learning resources and the development and implementation of the Lii Bufloo Program for over 2,000 Métis children throughout all 12 MN-S Regions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC approves funds not to exceed \$1,500,000 annually for the Lii Bufloo Program.

CARRIED (220628-09)

12. Regional Youth Selection Process

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, “Selection of the Provincial Métis Youth Council”, dated June 27, 2022
- Draft resolution titled, “Selection of Provincial Métis Youth Council”, dated June 28, 2022

Autumn LaRose-Smith, President, Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC), reviewed the information provided and commented on the process proposed to enable Regional Councils to select youth representatives for the PMYC.

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, Youth and distinctive resources, which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Ministry of Youth works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS the MN-S seeks to ensure that the unique perspectives and needs of Métis youth are reflected in government decisions, policy and programming, which is stated in the Minister of Youth’s mandate letter;

WHEREAS there is a need for a transparent, consistent, fair, accessible and merit-based system to select youth representatives at the regional level to participate in the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC);

WHEREAS the regional councils that select youth representatives may not be aware of all the eligible youth citizens in their regions if they are not registered members of a Local; and likewise, Métis youth citizens may not be aware of opportunities available to participate in the PMYC;

WHEREAS a public call-out and application process will increase the Métis youth's knowledge of the PMYC and increase youth engagement within the MN-S Government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves a publicity and recruitment campaign, to be conducted by the Ministry of Youth during the summer of 2022, to encourage youth to apply to be a member of the PMYC; and that Regional Directors and Regional Councils be encouraged to support and promote this campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a list of all applicants, which has been depersonalized of identifying data, be provided to regions to allow them to select the best candidate based on their accomplishments; and that Regional Councils provide the PMYC with the name of the applicant selected as their Regional Youth Representative.

CARRIED (220628-10)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

13. First Time Home Buyers Program and Emergency Repair Program

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, "MN-S First Time Homebuyers' Program", dated June 28, 2022
- Draft resolution on, "Respecting First Time Home Buyers Program", dated June 28, 2022

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, reviewed the information in the briefing note regarding the First Time Homebuyers Program (FTHBP).

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The Finance Committee's support for the proposed resolution related to the FTHBP
- Funding remaining in the Regional Housing Strategy.

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

WHEREAS since 2020, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) First Time Home Buyers Program (FTHBP) has successfully supported over 300 Registered Métis citizens in purchasing their first home;

WHEREAS the FTHBP's four-year budget (2020 to 2024) of \$9,250,000 is projected to be fully committed by September 2022;

WHEREAS a proposed addition to the budget of \$3,500,000 was presented to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) on June 28, 2022, and recommended for approval, as follows: an additional \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2022/23, and an additional \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year 2023/24;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves, as presented at this meeting on June 28, 2022, the proposed additional two-year budget of \$3,500,000 in the following allocations:

- a) \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2022/23 of program funding; and
- b) \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year 2023/24 of program funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC of the MN-S approve and direct all actions and execute any documents deemed necessary or appropriate to effectuate this resolution.

CARRIED (220628-11)

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, offered comments on the “Emergency Repair Program” (ERP), and referenced the differences between “emergency repairs” and “home renovations”.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Significant interest in the ERP, which may soon deplete the funds available
- Enabling first-time applicants to access funding, rather than topping-up previous applications
- The feasibility of convening discussions on regional housing approaches, the Northern Housing Strategy and the Central Housing Strategy.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) Funding

During discussion on UPIP funding, the following comments were offered:

- The agenda for the next PMC agenda could include a discussion on “UPIP Funding”
- Although the MN-S has not yet received UPIP funding, discussions would ensue with the PMC before any related decisions were considered.

14.2 PMC Regional Protocols

During discussion, it was requested that before holding any meetings in other regions, PMC members were reminded to inform the respective Regional Director and to invite them to attend.

Change in Chair

Autumn LaRose-Smith assumed the Chair at 4:10 p.m.

14.3 Back to Batoche

Request for Action (RFA-220628-01)

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer, agreed to request that information regarding Back to Batoche events, activities and protocols be sent to PMC members.

14.4 Elders Council Protocols

In response to questions raised, Elder Norman Fleury reviewed some of the Elders’ roles and acknowledged a number of activities the Elders Council had been involved in.

Request for Action (RFA-220628-02)

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer, agreed to request that a discussion regarding the Elders Council (and potentially “Elders’ Protocols”) be included on a future PMC Agenda.

15. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

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

That the June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (220628-12)
(Time: 5:00 p.m.)

The June 28, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Norman Fleury.

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the June 28, 2022, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the June 28, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the May 11, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Draft Minutes of the May 27, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
4. Draft Minutes of the June 4, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

ELCC	Early Learning and Child Care
ERP	Emergency Repair Program
FTHBP	First Time Homebuyers Program
HR	Human Resources
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples