



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held May 16, 2023

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held May 16, 2023, by videoconference.

PRESENT:

Provincial Métis Council

Glen McCallum, 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 Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council

Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

Absent

Michelle LeClair, Vice President

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ELDER:

Elder Norman Fleury

ALSO PRESENT:

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair

Claire Letendre, Technical Support

Ron Nowlan, Office of the Commissioner for the
Review of Locals

MN-S OFFICE:

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst

Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services

Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President

Justine Morrisette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary (from recording)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Merelda Fiddler-Potter, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that quorum was established.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden-Nansel)

That the Agenda for the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - Approval of the Recording Secretary
 - Approval of the April 25, 2023, PMC Minutes
7. Action Items from the April 25, 2023, PMC Meeting
8. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolutions
9. Financial Update
10. Commission on the Review of Locals
11. Housing Modular Builds and Land Purchase
12. Human Resources Committee - Updates (In-Camera)
13. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (230516-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

President McCallum reviewed recent and ongoing discussions with Federal and Provincial Government representatives, and Governing Members' preparations for the Canada-Métis Nation Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Summit with the Prime Minister on June 1, 2023.

An update was provided on efforts with the Government of Saskatchewan to respond to Métis communities and citizens impacted by wildfires and evacuations.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Minutes of the April 25, 2023 MN-S PMC Meeting

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following items presented on the "Consent Agenda":

- Appoint Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for the May 16, 2023 PMC Meeting; and
- Approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2023 PMC Meeting.

CARRIED (230516-02)

7. ACTION ITEMS FROM THE APRIL 25, 2023 PMC MEETING

Related information (provided with the agenda): List of Requests for Action, from the April 25, 2023 Regular Meeting

During a review of the Requests for Action, additional comments were offered on:

- RFA230425-01: The Regional Director of Western Region 2 (WR2) reported that documentation related to Locals in WR2 had been submitted to the MN-S Legal Counsel
- RFA230425-03: An update on new, inactive and dissolved Locals will be provided at a future PMC meeting
- RFA230425-05: It was anticipated that Ministerial Briefings and Departmental Reports would be uploaded to the MN-S website by June 30, 2023
- RFA230425-07: A list titled, “Les Filles de Madeleine Regional Métis Women Representatives” was provided with the agenda for the May 16, 2023 PMC Meeting for information.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- A future PMC meeting could discuss Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) and the feasibility of including the Métis Women's elections in the 2025 MN-S Provincial Election process
- A proposal was submitted for a virtual election of an Interim President for LFDM; further clarification regarding the costing of the proposal was needed.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. (approximately)

8. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Resolutions prepared for consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA*
- *Resolutions being reviewed for potential consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA*

Richard Quintal, CEO, commented on the feasibility of implementing a process for introducing resolutions to the MN-S government, which would provide more time for research and analysis by utilizing an incremental approval approach.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The “Rules of the House”, which were adapted to include workshop feedback received
- Article 6 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, which states that the Clerk of the MNLA will be the CEO of the MN-S
- Article 2 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*, which states that the MNLA will be comprised of Local Presidents, the PMC, representatives of the Métis Women of Saskatchewan and the Provincial Métis Youth Council.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion.

CARRIED (230516-03)

(Time: 10:55 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened after the in-camera discussion and a meal break at approximately 1:45 p.m. A roll call was conducted to confirm that quorum was established.

AGENDA VARIED

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

That the order of the agenda for the May 16, 2023 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be varied to continue consideration of Item 8 later in the meeting.

CARRIED (230516-04)

9. FINANCIAL UPDATES

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reported that:

- The “MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024” was approved by the PMC on March 15, 2023, and would be presented for ratification at the MNLA
- The new MN-S Director of Finance would begin on June 5, 2023
- MN-S citizens were invited to attend Finance Workshops scheduled:
 - o May 15, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and
 - o May 23, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

10. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS

Related information (provided with the agenda): “Commission for the Review of Locals, Technical Brief” dated May 16, 2023, and related attachments

Ron Nowlan, Office of the Commissioner for the Review of Locals, referenced the information provided and offered additional comments on meetings and events that had occurred, including:

- A May 2, 2023 meeting with representatives from the MN-S Registry Office, regarding the MN-S citizenship registration process
- A May 9, 2023 meeting with the MN-S Executive Committee, regarding:
 - o How the Commission’s final recommendations should be submitted
 - o An email prepared for MN-S citizens, which was pending approval
 - o A newsletter inviting MN-S citizens to participate in virtual discussions
- Recent meetings in Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Regina, including Local Representatives and Members; meetings in Saskatoon were also scheduled.

Additional comments were offered on upcoming meetings and events, including:

- A May 24, 2023 meeting with the Electoral Office
- Meetings to be scheduled with the PMC and a number of Regions and Locals
- Contacting Ron Nowlan by email (rnowlan@mns.work), to schedule a meeting with the Commissioner for the Review of Locals.

AGENDA VARIED

The meeting resumed consideration of Item 8 in accordance with Resolution #230516-04.

8. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Richard Quintal, CEO, explained that some of the resolutions submitted for presentation at the MNLA were still being considered, as further reviews were required. Potential revisions may be discussed with the respective Movers and Seconders.

11. HOUSING MODULAR BUILDS AND LAND PURCHASE

Loretta King, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, and Matt Vermette, COO, reported on:

- Discussions with “3twenty Modular”, towards establishing a partnership to design and construct modular homes for citizens in accordance with the MN-S’ Housing Strategy
- Allocating funds from the housing budget to enable the MN-S to acquire a parcel of land where the homes could be constructed.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Designing and constructing modular buildings for each region, to accommodate the delivery and operation of MN-S government’s programs and services (e.g., Ma Famii)
- An updated cost estimate for the materials required to construct the modular buildings; adjustments may be considered to economize, where possible.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting, to consider the following items:

- Item 11 “Housing Modular Builds and Land Purchase” (property-related matters)
- Item 14 “Human Resources Committee”.

CARRIED (230516-05)

(Time: 2:40 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (230516-06)

(Time: 3:50 p.m.)

The following “Request for Action” was introduced during the preceding in-camera meeting:

Request for Action (IC-RFA-230516-01)

It was requested that staff collaborate with the Chief Electoral Officer to prepare a proposal for holding a virtual election for the President of Les Filles de Madeleine, to present to the Provincial Métis Council for consideration.

CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Fleury.

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Darlene Langan)

That the May 16, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED (230516-07)

(Time: 4:00 p.m.)

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented for consideration at the May 16, 2023, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the May 16, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the April 25, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. List of Requests for Action from the April 25, 2023 PMC Meeting
4. Resolutions prepared for consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA
5. Resolutions being reviewed for potential consideration at the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA
6. List titled, “Les Filles de Madeleine Regional Métis Women Representatives”
7. “Commission for the Review of Locals, Technical Brief” dated May 16, 2023, and related attachments

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CSO	Chief Strategy Officer
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
WR2	Western Region 2