



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held September 21, 2023

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held September 21, 2023, in the Alhambra Room, Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, 405 Spray Avenue, Banff, Alberta.

PRESENT:

Provincial Métis Council

Glen McCallum, President	Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council, Chair	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM)
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2 (<i>virtually</i>)
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

Absent

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah Fortosky, Northern Research Group	Claire Letendre, Technical Support
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MN-S OFFICE:

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
Chris Gall, Senior General Council/Deputy Chief
Dorothy Myo, Deputy Chief of Self-Government
Kelly Pruden, Deputy Chief of Housing and Infrastructure
Brandy Laronde, Manager, Cabinet and Legislative Services
Andi Arnold, Advisor to the Chief Operating Officer
Amanda Marcotte, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Administrative Transformation
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the President
Justine Morrisette, Advisor to Deputy Chief of Self-Government
Kristi Ross, Manager, Culture and Heritage, Language and Veterans
Kim Van Burgsteden, Director of Finance

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jana Anderson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Autumn Laing-LaRose, Provincial Métis Youth Council, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Darlene Langan, LFDM, provided an Opening Prayer and condolence messages.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Agenda for the September 21, 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 May 16, 2023, PMC Minutes
7. Action Items from the May 16, 2023, PMC Meeting
8. Resolutions
 - 8.1 Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule
 - 8.2 Approval of Signing Authority for new Director of Finance
 - 8.3 Ministerial Re-Assignment
 - 8.4 Approval of PMC 2023/24 Strategic Plan Report
 - 8.5 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board Appointments
9. UPIP Funding Model
10. Financial Update
11. Commission on the Review of Locals
12. Legal Update
13. In-Camera
 - 13.1 Human Resources Committee - Updates
 - 13.2 Building Purchase Saskatoon (Vienna Building)
14. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

President McCallum reviewed recent and upcoming events including:

- Celebrations at Back to Batoche in July 2023 and efforts to continue building on this success
- MN-S retreat held September 19-20, 2023
- Plans by MN-S Ministers and staff to provide updates on programs and activities
- A reminder of the importance of applying for MN-S citizenship
- Upcoming Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MnLA) in November 2023.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of Recording Secretary

6.2 Review/Approval of May 16, 2023, Provincial Métis Council Draft Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Minutes of the May 16, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Laura Burnoff)

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

- Appointment of Jana Anderson as Recording Secretary for the September 21, 2023, PMC Meeting; and
- Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2023, PMC Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-02)

7. ACTION ITEMS FROM THE MAY 16, 2023, PMC MEETING

Related information (provided with the agenda): List of Requests for Action, from the May 16, 2023, Regular Meeting

During a review of the Requests for Action, it was noted that:

- RFA230425-04: The roll call lists from MNLA's since 2017, will be provided at the October 2023 PMC meeting
- IC-RFA230516-01:
 - o A resolution was approved by Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) regarding adding the election of the President to the MN-S ballot box election process; a meeting has been scheduled with MN-S staff to review the resolution to bring it forward to the next MNLA
 - o As the budget passed by the MNLA in May 2023 did not consider elections, this request could be reviewed by the Finance Committee
- LFDM scheduled a meeting to review their audited financial statements; once approved, the statements will be submitted as required, to receive capacity funding.

During discussion, support was offered on creating an ad hoc committee of the PMC to review and provide an update report to the PMC on:

- LFDM's election process, including a review of LFDM's resolution to be on the 2025 MN-S ballot box and how this could affect MN-S' self-government and not-for-profit status
- Using capacity funding (once received) to schedule a Women's meeting
- The composition of the current LFDM Board of Directors and vacancies.

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, volunteered to canvass PMC members on their interest in serving on the LFDM Ad Hoc Committee.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule”

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the draft resolution, and confirmed that the meetings would alternate between virtual and in-person, with the first meeting in January 2024 being virtual.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at its duly convened meeting on December 11, 2020, resolved to establish a calendar schedule to promote efficient planning and preparation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of September 21, 2023, shall adhere to the following PMC meeting schedule of every third Tuesday of each calendar month for 2024 as noted below:

- January 16, 2024
- February 20, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- May 21, 2024
- June 18, 2024
- September 17, 2024
- October 15, 2024
- November 19, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all PMC meeting materials and decision items distributed to members of the PMC and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan administration shall be protected by the rule of confidentiality, to uphold the principle of Métis government solidarity and collective responsibility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-03)

8.2 Approval of Signing Authority for New Director of Finance

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Approval of Signing Authority for new Director of Finance”

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, confirmed that once a resignation from a signing authority is received, the MN-S collaborates with the bank to eliminate all access. This process requires a resolution from the PMC to ensure adherence to established procedures and protocols.

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council on June 18, 2021, passed a resolution designating its signing authorities for MN-S banking-related documentation;

AND WHEREAS on May 1, 2023, Hamid Shahzad, a designated signing authority, ceased employment with MN-S;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Hamid Shahzad be removed from the list of designated signing authorities for MN-S banking-related documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MN-S banking-related documentation be signed by any two of the following signing authorities:

- Glen McCallum, President
- Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance
- Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Matthew Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
- Kim Van Burgsteden, Director of Finance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-04)

8.3 Ministerial Reassignments

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution titled, “Re-appointment of Ministerial Portfolios”

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

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 MN-S works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (“*Constitution*”) confers upon the President the discretion to assign Ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the 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;

AND WHEREAS the Education Ministerial Portfolio will be reorganized in order to address long-term challenges for effective design and efficient delivery of services that meets the needs of our citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministerial Portfolio appointments for Post-Secondary and Education, Early Learning and Childcare and Constitutional Reform be made by the President as follows:

- Post-Secondary and Education (K-12): President Glen McCallum
- Associate Minister of Post-Secondary and Education (K-12): Wendy Gervais
- Early Learning and Childcare: Sherry McLennan
- Associate Minister of Constitutional Reform: Secretary Lisa McCallum.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Wendy Gervais as Associate Minister of Post-Secondary and Education will assume the role as Chair of the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-05)

8.4 Approval of PMC 2023/24 Strategic Plan Report (Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities)

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing note titled, “Review and Adoption of draft MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles/Values, and Key Priority Areas”
- Draft resolution titled, “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Vision, Guiding Principles/Values, and Key Priorities”

Deborah Fortosky, Northern Research Group, reviewed a presentation titled, “Recap of Fall PMC Strategic Planning Session”, and provided an overview of the revised draft vision, values, and key priorities, agreed to in-principle, by the PMC.

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

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 MN-S works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS the PMC, at its Fall 2021 Retreat, developed and agreed in-principle on a MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities for this term of government;

WHEREAS this resolution seeks to affirm and approve the following MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities for the rest of this term of government:

∞ **Vision:**

- MN-S is a healthy, self-sustaining sovereign nation rooted in Métis culture, language, values, and community which will act in solidarity to protect and advance our traditional homeland and the rights of our citizens.

∞ **Guiding Principles and Values**

- Kaa ishi Pimaatishiyaaahk (The Way We Live)
- Family Oriented and Nurturing of the Next Generation
- Kishaywaatishihk (Good Heart)
- Loyalty
- Shared Prosperity and Reciprocity
- Environmental Stewardship and Connectedness to the Land
- Spiritual Connectivity
- Resiliency
- Respect for the Leadership Role of Women, Youth, Elders and 2SLGBTQQIA+ in the Community
- Pride in Our Distinctiveness

∞ **Key Priorities**

- Health and Wellness
- Self Determination and Sovereignty
- Identity, Culture and Language
- Land and Rights
- Economic Prosperity

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities, developed by the PMC, be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-06)

8.5 Gabriel Dumont Institute – Board Appointments

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS Western Region 1 at their duly held meeting on September 14, 2023, recommended that Jaycee Wells sit on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors, representing Western Region 1;

WHEREAS Western Region 2 at their duly held meeting on June 24, 2023, recommended that Jennifer Brown sit on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors, representing Western Region 2;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council ratify the appointments of Jaycee Wells to represent Western Region 1 and Jennifer Brown to represent Western Region 2 on the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-07)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

9. UPIP FUNDING MODEL

Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note titled, “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples”

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the information provided and offered comments on:

- The current Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding agreement
- An opportunity for the PMC to provide feedback on proposed funding allocation models:
 - o Option 1: Population based amount
 - o Option 2: Population based amount plus a \$25,000 base
 - o Option 3: Population based amount plus a \$50,000 base
- The option for Locals to work with a UPIP Coordinator.

In response to questions, it was noted that:

- The UPIP funding agreement includes language reflective of the need to support people that are not part of a Local; youth have received a carve out
- The issue of culture and language funding being delivered by Locals, will be brought back to the fall MNLA
- Locals would not be able to conduct events now and be reimbursed later
- Information about language funding will be provided at a future PMC meeting.

After reviewing the options presented, it was confirmed that, in order to allocate the funding as soon as possible, it would be beneficial to maintain the current funding allocation formula.

10. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Related information (provided with the agenda): Presentation titled, “2023-2024 Quarter 1 Review”

Kim Van Burgsteden, Director of Finance, reviewed the presentation, and provided an update on the budget, funding streams and year-to-year comparisons.

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, thanked the finance team for implementing system changes to align with the MNLA requests for financial information.

It was confirmed that funding for the bereavement program would be included in the 2024 budget.

11. COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS

Related information (provided with the agenda): Memorandum from Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of Locals, dated September 15, 2023

This item was provided for information.

12. LEGAL UPDATE

No legal updates were provided.

13. IN-CAMERA

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

That the September 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn for an in-camera discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-08)

(Time: 2:17 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

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

That the September 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-09)

(Time: 3:16 p.m.)

CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Secretary McCallum.

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

That the September 21, 2023, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (230921-10)

(Time: 3:19 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented for consideration at the September 21, PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the September 21, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the May 16, 2023, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Action Items from the May 16, 2023, PMC Meeting
4. Draft Resolution titled, “Provincial Métis Council 2024 Meeting Schedule”
5. Draft Resolution titled, “Approval of Signing Authority for new Director of Finance”
6. Draft Resolution titled, “*Re-appointment of Ministerial Portfolios*”
7. Briefing Note titled, “Review and Adoption of draft MN-S Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities”
8. Draft Resolution titled, “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Vision, Guiding Principles and Values, and Key Priorities”
9. Briefing Note titled, “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples”
10. Presentation titled, “2023-2024 Quarter 1 Review”
11. Memorandum from Michael Gatin, Commissioner for Review of Locals, dated September 15, 2023

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
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples