



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017 in the Grand Gallery at TCU Place, 35 – 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

WELCOME – FEBRUARY 18, 2017

GRAND ENTRY and CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Fiddlers and a jigger accompanied the Grand Entry procession into the Assembly Hall.

OPENING PRAYER and ANTHEMS

Senator Michael Maurice offered an Opening Prayer.

Krystle Pederson performed the “Métis National Anthem” and “O Canada”.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

Vice President Gerald Morin welcomed leaders, delegates and others, attending or watching the 2017 MNLA. He recognized the objectives for the MNLA, including setting the date for the 2017 election of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), and appointing a Chief Electoral Officer to administer the election. Vice President Morin commended recent progress in the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) and the continued effort towards good governance.

Métis National Council

Clément Chartier, President, Métis National Council (MNC), extended thanks for the Opening Prayer and ceremonies, and welcomed leaders, observers and others in attendance. He reviewed a number of challenges that Métis citizens had collectively overcome and some critical turning points in Métis history. During a review of achievements, he described how Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) President David Chartrand had successively advanced the MMF from being in a deficit position in 1996, to the progressive and profitable position it is in today. President Chartier welcomed the Assembly’s discussions and stressed the importance of working collaboratively to support the progression of the Métis Nation.

Manitoba Metis Federation

MMF President Chartrand welcomed attendees, and extended thanks for the Opening Prayer and the Métis fiddlers and jigger that accompanied the Grand Entry procession into the Assembly Hall.

He recalled Louis Riel's prediction that the Métis people would sleep for one hundred years, before their "artists" would bring their spirits back. The MMF President explained that when he took on the leadership role for the MMF, the organization had some significant financial debt. After years of hard work and rebuilding, the organization now had over 750 employees, a growing budget of over \$100 million, and a number of successful businesses. MMF assemblies that were once attended by 200 delegates were now attended by over 3,000. As most of the Métis participants at MMF assemblies were from the older portion of the population, efforts were being made to encourage younger participants to get involved as future leaders of the Métis Nation. Additionally, he proudly announced that the MMF had won the biggest land claim ever, and had achieved an exceptional settlement. He further noted that any Métis citizen that could prove their biological connection to the Red River could now apply for a MMF citizenship card.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was commended for consistently referring to the "Métis Nation", and staying keenly interested in establishing a unique relationship with the MNC and its Governing Members. Within the next year, it was anticipated that federal initiatives would be announced, which would benefit the Métis Nation, including a Métis housing initiative. With the current Federal Government, the Métis Nation was now "in the house" after being locked out by multiple prior governments. Métis leaders anticipate meeting with the Prime Minister in early March 2017, and reviewing their members' key priorities.

He expressed concerns regarding the potential for industry or government to work through a province without any communication, consultation or consequences. This would not occur in Manitoba, without first reaching an agreement with the MMF on a beneficial process.

MN-S Minister of Veteran Affairs Lennard Morin, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, and the Government of Saskatchewan were applauded for their efforts in acknowledging Métis Veterans. MMF President Chartrand confirmed that the MMF was developing a monument to commemorate the many Métis men and women who fought for the country. As so many Métis veterans who returned home did not receive the economic starts they were promised, the Honourable Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs, was being urged to fairly provide Métis veterans the same compensation as others who returned home.

MMF President Chartrand assured the Assembly that the successes achieved by the MMF, were achievable by the MN-S. The MMF welcomed the opportunity to work collaboratively with the MN-S, and to discuss how the MMF could assist and contribute to cases on which the MN-S was working. He stressed the importance of strong Métis leaders and government preparing for the path forward, regardless of their differences. Although at times it may not be evident, there was never a time when the power of the Métis Nation was so great.

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC)

A presentation was provided later in the Assembly.

ROLL CALL OF ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, conducted a Roll Call by reading aloud the names of the registered voting delegates. She subsequently confirmed a total of 98 voting delegates in attendance, and declared that the required quorum of 75 delegates had been achieved (see attached “List of Registered Delegates”).

APPOINTMENT OF SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

It was MOVED (Michael Bell) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, as amended, directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council to appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at their duly called meeting on December 30, 2016 resolved that a Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly would be called for February 18 and 19, 2017 and held in Saskatoon at TCU Place;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at their duly called meeting on January 14 and 15, 2017 appointed Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith as Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on February 18 and 19, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly ratify the appointments of Kathy Hodgson-Smith and Will Goodon as Speaker and Deputy Speaker at the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on February 18 and 19, 2017;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kathy Hodgson-Smith and Will Goodon shall also serve as Chairpersons for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan General Assembly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA17-01)

Health Break

The meeting recessed a 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Speaker, and Will Goodon, Deputy Speaker, reviewed the voting process for the MNLA, and confirmed that with 98 registered delegates in attendance, 50 votes were required for a resolution to pass. If a quorum was not present when a vote was being counted, the meeting would adjourn until quorum was achieved.

Manitoba Metis Federation (Continued)

MMF President Chartrand further reported that the MMF had reached an agreement with Manitoba Hydro, which provided for compensation to trappers whose commercial trapping on the Summerberry Marsh was impacted by the operation of the Grand Rapids Generating Station. A list of names of trappers who historically trapped in the area has been posted on the MMF’s website. He encouraged delegates to

review the list, and the process for applying for compensation. Although cheques had been issued to a number of trappers (or their surviving family members), there were many that had not yet applied.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

See the attached "List of Information Items" for a complete list of information items included in the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Delegate Kits/Agenda Binders.

Speaker Hodgson-Smith acknowledged that "Terms of PMC" did not require consideration and would be removed from the agenda, given the recent ruling by the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan in *Lee, Gardiner and Roy v. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. and the Provincial Métis Council*, 2007 SKQB 49, which recognized that the MN-S PMC continued to have authority to make decisions about the operations of the MN-S until an election could be held.

During discussion on the resolution, attendees expressed concerns related to political issues that had previously impacted the MN-S, and suggested an MNLA be scheduled after the 2017 MN-S Election.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN, MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, as amended, directs the Clerk of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly be responsible for the drafting of an Agenda for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly as directed by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;

AND WHEREAS an Agenda is hereby proposed for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to be held on February 18 and 19, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following agenda be ratified by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:

DAY ONE: Saturday, February 18, 2017

- Grand Entry
- Opening Prayer
- Métis National Anthem / Canadian National Anthem
- Welcoming Remarks
 - Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
 - Métis National Council – President Clément Chartier
 - Manitoba Metis Federation – President David Chartrand
 - Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Ian Ketcheson
- Roll Call of Assembly Delegates
- Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Locals (New or Dissolved)
- Adoption of the Minutes

- Government of Canada – Presentation
- MN-S Legal Counsel – Update
- Ernst & Young – Presentation
- Appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer / Setting 2017 MN-S Election Day
- *Saskatchewan Métis Election Act* Amendments
- Métis National Council – Update
- Constitutional Amendments (if any)
- Confirmation of Appointment of Complaints Officer / Election Adjudicator
- Other Resolutions
- Swearing in of the Chief Electoral Officer
- Conclusion or Adjournment of the MNLA

DAY TWO: Sunday, February 19, 2017

- Opening Prayer
- North American Indigenous Games – Mike Tanton
- Completion of the MNLA (if required)
- Conclusion.

CARRIED (MNLA17-02)

(Five delegates voted in opposition)

(One delegate abstained from the vote)

BUSINESS AGENDA – FEBRUARY 18, 2017

1. LOCALS (NEW or DISSOLVED)

Deputy Speaker Goodon confirmed that no new or dissolved locals had been reported to the Clerk of the MNLA, as required in accordance with the *Métis Elections Act*.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the June 16, 2012 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly

Speaker Hodgson-Smith referred delegates to the minutes of the June 16, 2012 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly. In response to questions raised, she clarified that the minutes of the 2008 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly were adopted in 2009, and were included in the Delegate Kit/Agenda Binder for information only.

MN-S Minister of Veteran Affairs Morin confirmed that as indicated in minutes, he had the honour of laying a wreath at the 2016 Remembrance Day ceremony in Saskatoon.

It was MOVED (Robert St. Pierre) and SECONDED (Viola Bell)

That the Minutes of the June 16, 2012 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly be adopted as presented.

CARRIED (MNLA17-03)

(One delegate voted in opposition)

2.2 Minutes of the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and July 31, 2016 General Assembly

It was MOVED (Dennis Vandale) and SECONDED (Wayne Whitford)

That the Minutes of the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and July 31, 2016 General Assembly be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA17-04)

3. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA – PRESENTATION

Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) extended greetings to the Assembly on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Given the challenges and divisions apparent at the 2016 MNLA, he and his colleagues were honoured to attend the 2017 MNLA to witness many of the same participants, coming together to advance the nation forward through an MNLA and onwards to an election. Congratulations were extended to delegates for choosing to unite on the MN-S' journey of reconciliation.

The Assembly was reminded of the Prime Minister's commitment that government would work in partnership with relevant Ministers, hear from the Métis Nation about their priorities, and consider how government could work together to ensure Métis rights were respected. Additionally, in an unprecedented effort towards partnerships, the Prime Minister had committed to meeting annually with First Nations, Métis and Inuit leaders, to reflect on how the previous year had ensued and how their priorities had progressed.

Mr. Ketcheson acknowledged the Federal Government's observations, support and involvement at various stages during the progression of the MN-S. He commended the exceptional strength of the Métis Nation in Saskatchewan, which was heartening for Federal Government to now witness.

4. MN-S LEGAL COUNSEL – UPDATE

Jay Watson, MN-S Legal Counsel, referenced a recent ruling by the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan in *Lee, Gardiner and Roy v. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. and the Provincial Métis Council*, 2007 SKQB 49, in response to an application for an injunction to prevent the MNLA from occurring, based on the argument that the PMC did not have the authority to hold the MNLA. After considering the application, the Judge determined that the MN-S PMC continued to have authority to make decisions about the operations of the MN-S until an election could be held.

During a review of other legal matters, he confirmed that an application was filed on January 12, 2017 for the MN-S affiliates to produce financial documents and records for Ernst & Young to review. The Judge subsequently ruled that the affiliates were required to submit documentation by February 15, 2017. The documentation has been received and will be reviewed. Another application was filed related to the tenant at the Batoche site, as the tenancy lease agreement indicated the landlord as "B2B Land Management Inc." (an unauthorized signatory). A ruling on this matter is anticipated in April 2017.

Mr. Watson acknowledged a claim brought against the MN-S Secretariat Inc. by The W Law Group LLP, for legal fees incurred during prior years amounting to approximately \$200,000. The claim will be defended, as the PMC did not authorize the work to ensue. It was uncertain how long this claim may take to conclude.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

5. ERNST & YOUNG - PRESENTATION

Evan Shoforost, Ernst & Young, welcomed delegates and guests and extended thanks to the Senators and Veterans in attendance, for their presence and for all they had done for the country. He further acknowledged participants representing the PMC, the Youth Council and Les Filles des Madeleine, and extended thanks to representatives from INAC, EY and TCU Place for their contributions to the coordination of the Assembly.

Mr. Shoforost led the meeting in a review of an overhead presentation (see the attached "List of Appendices"). During the presentation, he confirmed that the initial engagement letter between the MN-S and EY, effective February 17, 2016, outlined EY's role as Expert Advisor, including carrying out matters relevant to the organization's obligations. He referred to the financial documentation provided under Tab 9 of the Delegate Kit/Agenda Binder. Additional financial information (including a budget to June 30, 2017) was compiled by EY in a coil-bound report provided at the MNLA (see the attached "List of Appendices").

To support a smooth transition to the new MN-S government following the election, Mr. Shoforost noted that EY could remain on until June 30, 2017 to enable the new government to make a decision regarding an Expert Advisor going forward (i.e. through a request for proposal process or otherwise). The PMC further passed a resolution extending the terms of EY and the Chief Executive Officer to June 30, 2017 to support the transition to the new MN-S government.

During discussion, the following comments were offered in response to questions raised:

- Financial information regarding Back to Batoche 2017 is in EY's report (Appendix E); financial information was not available on the canteen, as it functioned under a separate agreement
- The photos included in the presentation indicated some MN-S offices "cleaned out", including the President's office
- MN-S anticipates receiving \$940,000 as MN-S' current year's portion of economic development funding to be allocated prior to March 31, 2017:
 - The PMC resolved to allocate \$100,000 of the MN-S' current year's portion to retain a consultant to develop a MN-S Economic Development Strategy, and allocated the remaining \$840,000 for Métis entities to access through SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO).

Delegates acknowledged the PMC's discussions regarding the allocation of the MN-S' current year's economic development funding, including a regional strategy that was not supported in the options subsequently offered by Federal Government.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Becky Trochie)

WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (the “Government of Canada”) agreed to provide funding to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, as per the Funding Agreement (Agreement No: 1415-HQ-000097) entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan on April 1, 2014, as amended by:

- the undated Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
- the May 1, 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
- the June 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (“Amending Agreement #3”) (collectively, the “MN-S Agreement”); and
- as subsequently amended from time to time;

AND WHEREAS as part of the MN-S Agreement, an “Expert Advisor” must be retained;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. has contracted with Ernst & Young LLP pursuant to an engagement letter dated June 17, 2016 and has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as the Expert Advisor;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Ernst & Young LLP agree that the use of an Expert Advisor is a matter relevant to carrying out the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan’s obligations under the MN-S Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at its duly called meeting on January 14 and 15, 2017, did accept as presented, reports and financial and other information presented by Ernst & Young entitled “MN-S Budget as at February 15, 2017, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statements of Receipts and Disbursements” and the “Estate General Ledger Report”, and did at previous Provincial Métis Council meetings receive financial and other reports from time to time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly accept the reports and budgets prepared by Ernst & Young, as Expert Advisors to the Provincial Métis Council, and accepted by the Provincial Métis Council, including the land title transfer to the MN-S Secretariat Inc., to date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA17-05)

6. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER / SETTING OF 2017 MN-S ELECTION DAY

Lorne Gibson, Electoral Consultant, reviewed his prior experience in elections processes since 2009, and acknowledged the PMC’s request for advice on advancing the 2017 MN-S Election. Mr. Gibson introduced Loretta Metzger, the Chief Electoral Officer proposed to administer the 2017 MN-S Election.

Ms. Metzger reviewed her professional experience as a teacher and principal in Saskatchewan, and her subsequent involvement in federal, provincial and civic elections processes. After reviewing the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act* and *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* she commented that she was excited about the opportunity to be the Chief Electoral Officer for the 2017 MN-S Election, and confirmed she could administer the kind of election being sought by the MN-S.

It was MOVED (Robert St. Pierre) and SECONDE (Darlene Berube)

WHEREAS Article 28 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, and Article 8(2) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* requires that the election day for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council be held within four (4) years of the previous election;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council has retained, pursuant to the advice of Ernst & Young LLP as Expert Advisor, the expertise of Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant to advise on the process required to ensure the running of an election pursuant to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*, as amended;

AND WHEREAS at the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held July 30 and 31, 2016, February 4, 2017 was ratified as the proper timing of the next election day for the election of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;

AND WHEREAS at the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held July 30 and 31, 2016, the appointment of Fred Payton to the position of Chief Electoral Officer for the 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan election to be held February 4, 2017, was ratified;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer became ill and was unable to carry out his duties as Chief Electoral Officer to meet deadlines required by the February 4, 2017 election day;

AND WHEREAS Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, did advise the Provincial Métis Council and recommend a new candidate for the position of Chief Electoral Officer, Loretta Metzger;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, did, at a duly called meeting of the Provincial Métis Council, ratify the appointment of Lorne Gibson as Electoral Consultant and Loretta Metzger as interim Chief Electoral Officer, pending ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly set for February 18 and 19, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Loretta Metzger be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the 2017 Election of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election of Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council be held May 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA17-06)

Confirmation of Quorum

Speaker Hodgson-Smith confirmed that a quorum was present.

7. THE SASKATCHEWAN MÉTIS ELECTION ACT 2007 AMENDMENTS

Speaker Hodgson-Smith reviewed the resolution presented and the attached list of revisions to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, provided as “Schedule A”.

During discussion, the following responses were offered to questions raised:

- Implications of making false statements will be clarified throughout the elections process and elections documentation
- The *Métis Election Act* specifies that every eligible Métis person can vote in a MN-S election. If a caregiver votes on someone’s behalf, they will be required to sign documentation confirming that they assisted the voter in casting their ballot.

It was MOVED (Viola Bell) and SECONDED (Jaycee Bell)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is enabled, pursuant to Article 8 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to enact electoral legislation;

AND WHEREAS such amendments must be registered with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Head Office thirty (30) days prior to the sitting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Articles 2 and 15 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;

AND WHEREAS Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, did provide recommendations for amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the attached legislative amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended are necessary to enable transparent, efficient and effective functioning of a Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly ratify the attached amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, in accordance with the recommendations provided by Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, as follows (and described in the attached “Schedule A”):

1. Revise Section 12(5)(a) to read: “(a) receive the oath or affirmation of the voter”
2. Replace Section 114(3) with the following: “Authority to Administer: (3) An election officer may administer any oaths, affirmations or declarations that are required by this *Act* to be administered during an election”
3. Add Section 114(4): “Prohibition of fees: (4) All oaths, affirmations or declarations administered under this *Act* should be administered without charge”
4. Revise Section 12(4) by replacing “14 days” with “7 days”
5. Revise Section 48(1) to read: “Request for mobile poll: 48(1) A Regional Returning Officer shall give public notice that voters may call the Regional Returning Officer to request a visit by a mobile poll if, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, the voter is unable to vote at

- either the office of the Regional Returning Officer or the polling station because he or she is shut in or located in an isolated community”
6. In Sections 12(2)(b) and 12(3)(b), correct the spelling of “voter’s”
 7. Insert the following new Section 12(4): “Other approved documentary evidence: (4) As provided in Section 12(3)(c) above, a voter may provide acceptable documentary evidence of the identity and residence for another voter that does not have the documentation referred to in Section 12(3) (a) and (b) above provided:
 - (a) the voter with acceptable documentary evidence (the “Voucher”) has registered to vote and provides the acceptable documentary evidence identified in Sections 12(2) and (3)(a) and (b) above, and otherwise complies with this Act;
 - (b) the voter without the acceptable documentary evidence (the “Vouchee”) must:
 - i. go to a place for registration listed in Section 11;
 - ii. provide evidence of the voter’s name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer, which entitles him or her to vote; and
 - iii. sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule;
 - (c) the Voucher must:
 - i. provide evidence of the Voucher’s name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer;
 - ii. provide evidence of the Vouchee’s name and current address for inspection by the election officer; and
 - iii. sign and swear, or affirm, the Oath/Attestation of Voter Identity and Residence form in Form 5 of the Schedule and attach this to the Vouchee’s Form 1 of the Schedule; and
 - (d) all of the voters subject to this paragraph must swear or attest that the information being provided is true and for no improper purpose”
 7. Insert the following new Section 12(5): “(5) Each Voucher shall not provide documentary evidence pursuant to Section 12(4) for more than two (2) Vouchees in an election”
 8. Renumber the remaining sections in Article 12 accordingly
 9. Repeal Article 43 in its entirety.

CARRIED (MNLA17-07)

(One delegate voted in opposition)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

8. MÉTIS NATIONAL COUNCIL – UPDATE

MNC President Chartier confirmed that the Prime Minister met with leaders of the three national Indigenous organizations, MNC, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) in early December 2016. It was subsequently announced that a permanent bilateral mechanism would be considered, similar to the 2005 Kelowna Accord process (which included funding for Métis housing, education, and economic development).

The MNC recognized the Prime Minister’s commitment to meet each year with leaders of the MNC, AFN and ITK for distinctions-based discussions. The MNC was scheduled to meet with the Prime Minister and some of his Cabinet Ministers on January 30, 2017, however the Prime Minister was unable to attend the meeting due to a tragic event in Quebec. The MNC met instead

with some of his Cabinet Ministers, and discussed some of the MNC's key priorities including commitments related to health, housing, employment and youth. Further consideration will ensue with the Federal Government on other priorities including programs and services to which First Nations and Inuit citizens have access, but Métis citizens do not. The MNC's meeting with the Prime Minister will be rescheduled early in March 2017.

MNC President Chartier confirmed that MNC representatives will begin meeting twice a year with Cabinet Ministers, and in the interim, will participate in discussions at the Assistant Deputy Minister's level on agreed-upon topics. The key priorities identified will be addressed over the coming year, and will be reviewed at the next Summit with the Prime Minister. Delegates were encouraged to discuss with their Regional Chairs, priorities that the MN-S could bring forward to the national level discussions.

He acknowledged the Federal Government's commitment to engaging the MNC's Governing Members in regional exploratory discussions leading to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights. The Federal Government had entered into a framework agreement with the MMF, and memorandums of understanding with the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The MN-S was the only Governing Member of the MNC that had not yet become engaged in the process of reconciliation with the Government of Canada.

MNC President Chartier further reported that:

- A Special Sitting of the MNC General Assembly will be held March 17 and 18, 2017
- A small delegation of Métis veterans will be attending the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge Commemorative Ceremonies in early April 2017
- A process may be initiated to seek a settlement for Métis citizens impacted by the "60s scoop"
- The Métis Rights Defence Fund, a legal foundation established in the 1990s, had successfully defended a number of legal cases related to hunting and fishing rights, on a pro bono basis.

In response to questions raised, MNC President Chartier suggested that after the 2017 MN-S Election, the Government of Saskatchewan may consider negotiating an agreement with the MN-S on hunting rights, similar to an agreement the Government of Alberta signed with the MNA.

MNC President Chartier presented Métis Elder and Shell Lake Local President Blanche Pott with a "President's Recognition Award" for her dedication to her community and the Métis Nation, and in recognition of the financial contributions made by the Shell Lake Local to the Métis Rights Defence Fund.

9. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

No amendments were considered.

10. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF COMPLAINTS OFFICER / ELECTION ADJUDICATOR

It was MOVED (Viola Bell) and SECONDED (Rebecca Major)

WHEREAS the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, was duly passed by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly as the governing authority over the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election of Executive and Regional Representatives pursuant to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;

AND WHEREAS Article 116 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, provides that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall appoint and set the term for a Complaints Officer to enforce compliance with the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Article 120 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, provides that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall appoint and set the term for an Election Adjudicator to hear all complaints referred by the Complaints Officer and render a decision that is final and binding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall confirm the appointment of Gordon Kirkby as Complaints Officer for the term of two (2) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall confirm the appointment of Michael D. Nolin as Election Adjudicator for the term of two (2) years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA17-08)

In response to questions raised, it was confirmed that Gordon Kirkby and Michael Nolin are both lawyers in good standing with the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

11. OTHER RESOLUTIONS

11.1 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Regional Exploratory Table With Canada

Vice President Morin confirmed that the PMC recently passed a resolution appointing Kathy Hodgson-Smith to represent the MN-S in regional exploratory discussions related to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights.

A friendly amendment was proposed to include a reference in the resolution to the recent determination by the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan that the PMC continued to have the authority to make decisions about the operations of the MN-S until an election was held. The Mover and Seconder agreed to the amendment.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Helene Johnson)

WHEREAS the Federal Government has committed to engaging the Governing Members of the Métis National Council in regional exploratory discussions leading to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights;

AND WHEREAS the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan in *Lee, Gardiner and Roy v. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. and the Provincial Métis Council*, 2007 SKQB 49 recognized that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council continues to have authority to make decisions about the operations of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan until an election can be held;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has entered into a framework agreement with the Manitoba Metis Federation, as well as memorandums of understanding with the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Métis Nation of Ontario respectively, for the above stated purpose;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has begun discussions with the Métis Nation British Columbia for that same purpose;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan is the only Governing Member of the Métis National Council that has not become engaged in this process of reconciliation with the Government of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly direct the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council immediately request a similar process be engaged in with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and to retain legal counsel to assist in the implementation of the process.

CARRIED (MNLA17-09)

(Ten delegates voted in opposition)
(One delegate abstained from the vote)

11.2 Cuthbert Grant Declaration

MOVED by (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED by (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS Cuthbert Grant led the defence of the Métis Nation, its homeland and way of life with a victory at the Battle of Frog Plain/Seven Oaks (La Viktwayr di Bataille dann la Plenn di Goornouyayr) on June 19, 1816 proudly flying the blue Métis Nation infinity flag;

AND WHEREAS we express our deeply held gratitude and thanks for his leadership;

AND WHEREAS President Louis Riel led the provisional governments at Red River and Batoche in 1869/70 and 1884/85 respectively, for which we are forever indebted;

AND WHEREAS under the military leadership of Ambroise Lepine and Gabriel Dumont in 1869/70 and 1884/85 respectively, along with the blood shed by our warriors in defence of our homeland

and the sacrifices of our women, children and youth, which underpins our ties to our lands as sacred and deeply rooted, we give thanks;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, is the sole representative government of the citizens of the Métis Nation within the modern day boundaries of the Province of Saskatchewan and as such, is a part of the sole and legitimate mandated national government of the Métis Nation, the Métis National Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly in session on February 18 and 19, 2017 in the City of Saskatoon adopts in honour of Cuthbert Grant, Louis Riel, Ambroise Lepine and Gabriel Dumont, along with the many Métis Nation leaders and citizens, female and male, who walked with them or followed in their footsteps, this declaration to be henceforth known as the Cuthbert Grant Declaration; and

WE HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

- There is only one Métis Nation and the Métis National Council is the sole national government of the Métis Nation
- We, the people of the Métis Nation living within the Province of Saskatchewan, represented by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, share a common national cultural identity, history, homeland, political will, solidarity and nationalism
- We, as part of the people of the Métis Nation, have a right to self-determination, including the inherent right of self-government, which we declared in December 1993 through our Constitution, which has withstood the tests of time
- We, as part of the Métis Nation, assert the right to our lands, resources and traditional territory in the historic Northwest
- We, as part of the people of the Métis Nation, are desirous of strengthening our historic bonds across the Métis Nation homeland, which today includes Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, northeastern British Columbia, northwestern Ontario, and a contiguous part of both the Northwest Territories and the United States of America;

THIS DECLARATION WE PROCLAIM forms the cornerstone of our existence as citizens of a distinct Indigenous people and nation, the Métis Nation (proclaimed this 18th day of February, 2017).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA17-10)

12. SWEARING IN OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Senator Michael Maurice officiated in the administration of the Oath of Office and the swearing-in of Chief Electoral Officer, Loretta Metzger.

CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

Vice President Morin extended thanks to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for facilitating the MNLA. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017, concluded at approximately 4:25 p.m. A Closing Prayer was offered by Glen McCallum.

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LIST OF APPENDICES

The following items were referred to at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and are attached:

1. List of Registered Voting Delegates
2. List of Information Items included in the Delegate Kit/Agenda Binder
3. Schedule A: Amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act (2007)*
4. Printed copy of the overhead presentation provided by Ernst & Young on February 18, 2017

The following additional item was referred to at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and can be accessed through the MN-S website (metisnationsk.com/pages/saskatoon-mnla-delegate-information) or obtained through Ernst & Young:

5. Coil-bound report from Ernst & Young, dated February 15, 2017.

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**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017

LIST REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES
(RR – denotes Regional Representatives)

<p>Northern Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Augier, Allen Burnouf, Laura Cook, Earl (RR) Hanson, Tommy Lavalee, Larry Natomagan, Sharon 	<p>Northern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chartier, Napoleon Herman, Dean Janvier, Donna Lafond, Joceyln Montgrand, John Montgrand, Leonard St. Pierre, Robert (RR) 	<p>Northern Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Daigneault, Joe Derocher, Jimmy Kenny, Fred Lafeur, Euginie Laliberte, Ernest Laliberte, Patsy McCallum, George McCallum, Glen (RR) Maurice, Mervin Tinker, Gary 	<p>Eastern Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fiddler, Joe Morin, Gerald Morin, Lennard (RR)
<p>Eastern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bell, Viola Colby, Ethel Lee Crook, Dave Genaille, Dianne Johnson, Helene (RR) St. Dennis, Marshall Vandale, Dennis Yip, Sheila 	<p>Region Eastern Region #2A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Langan, Derek (RR) Paul, Wayne Peltier, Gale Peltier, Mervin 	<p>Eastern Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Desjarlais, Dawn Friesen, Marg Kapell, Shelly (RR) Perry, Kelly Roy, Marina Tourand, Paul 	<p>Western Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bell, Michael (RR) Boyer, Warren Brady, Theresa Flannigan, Merlin Lavoie, Margaret Lehoullier, John Ludviksen, Debra Parker, Darrel Poitras, Angela Pritchett, Melanie
<p>Western Region #1A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coulson, Myrna Delorme, Carol Kennedy, Billy (RR) Lundgren, Jean Trotchie, Becky 	<p>Western Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arcand, Ralph Berube, Darlene Fiddler, Brenda Fiddler, Ray Joanette, Jeff McKay, Darlene (RR) Mathieu, Felix Neufeldt, Wanda Paul, Laurie Pott, Blanche Rudyck, Peter Sinclair, Gary Whitford, Gordon 	<p>Western Region #2A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Card, Barbara Ann Eliason, Sheena Elliott, Judy Falcon, Barry Hurton, Penny Isbister, Shirley Loucheed, Myrtle McDonald, Phyliss Major, Rebecca Quiring-Reimer, Dawn Ross, Shirley Unrau, Shannon (RR) Whitford, Wayne Wright, Chad 	<p>Western Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arnold, Lela (RR) Blanke, Cecile Blondeau, Gary Paradon, Braden Woelk, Ron
<p>Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aubichon, Holly Bell, Jaycee Herman, Candace St. Dennis, Brittany Vandale, Kierra 	<p>Women</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dorion, Tammy Falcon, Sonya Langan, Darlene McLennan, Sherry Mah, Tammy 	<p>Executive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Henderson, May Morin, Gerald 	

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MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY *scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017*

List of Information Items Provided in the Delegate Kit/Agenda Package

Tab 1:

1. Notice of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly / General Assembly February 18-19, 2017
2. Correspondence from EY to Local Presidents, the Provincial Métis Council, Provincial Métis Women and Provincial Métis Youth (all members of the MN-S Legislative Assembly) regarding “Official Written Notice for MN-S Legislative assembly /General Assembly, February 18-19, 2017”, dated January 16, 2017

Tab 2:

3. List of MNLA Voting Delegates (Pre-registered – February 17, 2017)

Tab 3:

4. Order of the Day / Agenda for the MNLA

Tab 5:

5. Notice of the July 2008 MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly
6. Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, held September 8-9, 2008 in Saskatoon
7. Minutes of the Métis Nation Annual General Assembly, held September 8-9, 2008 in Saskatoon
8. Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, held June 16, 2012 in Prince Albert
9. Minutes of the Métis Nation Annual General Meeting, held June 16, 2012 in Prince Albert
10. Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, held July 30-31, 2016 in Yorkton
11. Minutes of the Métis Nation Annual General Assembly, held July 31, 2016 in Yorkton

Tab 6:

12. Funding Agreement (Agreement No: 1415-HQ-000097) entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, signed June 2014, and related attachments
13. Amending Agreement, Master Year 2 of 3, entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, signed February 2016
14. Amending Agreement, Master Year 3 of 3, entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, signed May 2016
15. Amending Agreement #003 entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, signed June 2016
16. Amending Agreement #005 entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, signed July 2016

Tab 7:

17. Engagement letter from Lorne Gibson, Election Management Consultant, to Robert Doucette and Gerald Morin, dated August 3, 2016
18. Engagement letter from Loretta Metzger, Election Consultant, to Robert Doucette and Gerald Morin, dated January 3, 2017

Tab 8:

19. Correspondence from Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel) to Mavis Taylor, CEO, offering an opinion on “Term of Office of the PMC”, dated January 5, 2017
20. Correspondence from The W Law Group to the MN-S Director of Operations, offering an opinion on the Term of Office of the PMC, dated May 29, 2012
21. Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan (File QB No. 1491 of 2016) order on the application filed by Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. requesting documentation from MN-S affiliates, dated January 12, 2017
22. Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan (File QB No. 211 of 2016) Notice to the Respondents, Charlene Lavalee and Ken Morash, related to their residency on the Back to Batoche Festival grounds, dated October 18, 2016

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23. Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan (File QB No. 1737 of 2016) Notice to Defendant, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., filed by The W Law Group, seeking payment of outstanding legal invoices, dated December 19, 2016
 24. Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan (File QB No. 22 of 2017) application filed by "Lee, Gardiner and Roy" seeking to halt the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, dated February 14, 2017
 25. Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan (File QB No. 22 of 2017) decision delivered February 17, 2017 dismissing the application filed by "Lee, Gardiner and Roy"
- Tab 9:
26. Ernst & Young Inc. Report to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, dated July 29, 2016
- Tab 10:
27. Summary of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meetings held June 2015 to December 2016, prepared by Raincoast Ventures Ltd.
- Tab 11:
28. Correspondence dated October 1, 2014 from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to the President, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, advising that federal government was halting all payments to the MN-S
- Tab 14:
29. Land Title Registry Profile Report, for the Batoche lands registered to Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., dated September 20, 2016
- Tab 15:
30. Correspondence to the MN-S Chief Executive Officer regarding "Federal funding allocation to participate in the Review of Environmental Assessment Processes", dated November 18, 2016
 31. Correspondence to the MN-S Chief Executive Officer regarding "Federal funding allocation to participate in the review of the changes to the *Fisheries Act*", dated November 16, 2016
 32. Correspondence to the MN-S Chief Executive Officer regarding the MN-S' request for funding to participate in the review of the *Navigation Protection Act* (undated)
 33. Correspondence to the MN-S Chief Executive Officer regarding "Federal funding allocation to participate in the National Energy Board Modernization Review", dated November 25, 2016
- Tab 16:
34. Corporate Registry Profile Report: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., dated September 9, 2016
- Tab 17:
35. Financial Statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., prepared by KPMG, for the year ended March 31, 2011
 36. Financial Statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., prepared by KPMG, for the year ended March 31, 2012
 37. Financial Statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., prepared by KPMG, for the year ended March 31, 2013 and 2012
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38. Financial Statements of the Provincial Métis Holdco Inc. prepared by KPMG, for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011
 39. Financial Statements of the Provincial Métis Holdco Inc. prepared by KPMG, for the year ended December 31, 2013
- Tab 19:
40. Audit Findings Report for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., prepared by KPMG, for the year ended March 31, 2014
 41. Printed copy of an Indian and Northern Affairs Canada presentation titled "Audit of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan", dated March 2012
- Tab 20:
42. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
 43. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act

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- 44.** The Métis Act
- 45.** Bylaws, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.
- 46.** Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act
- 47.** Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate Act

Tab 21:

- 48.** Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007

Tab 22:

- 49.** Invoices and statements from various vendors and organizations claiming outstanding amounts owed (dated 2008 to 2015)

SCHEDULE A
Proposed Amendments to the
Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act (2007)

Version of Act presently in force	Proposed Amendments
A. Authorizing election officers to administer oaths, affirmations or declarations of voters	
<p>Duty of election officers</p> <p>12(5) When a voter asks to be registered, the responsible election officer designated for this purpose shall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) accept the oath /affirmation of the voter; (b) complete the election officer's portion of the voter registration form; and (c) send the attached copies of the voter registration form in accordance with the distribution requirements of the form. 	<p>Duty of election officers</p> <p>12(5) When a voter asks to be registered, the responsible election officer designated for this purpose shall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) receive the oath or affirmation of the voter; (b) complete the election officer's portion of the voter registration form; and (c) send the attached copies of the voter registration form in accordance with the distribution requirements of the form.
<p>Oaths and Affirmations</p> <p>Oath of office</p> <p>114(1) Before taking office, all election officers shall take the oath or affirmation of office in the approved form.</p> <p>Transmission of oaths</p> <p>(2) The Regional Returning Officer shall, without delay, send to the Chief Electoral Officer the original written copy of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Regional Returning Officer's own oath or affirmation; and (b) the appointment and oath or affirmation of the assistant regional returning officer and every other election officer in the Region. <p>Prohibition of fees</p> <p>(3) All oaths, affirmations or affidavits administered under this Act should be administered without charge.</p>	<p>Oaths and Affirmations</p> <p>Oath of office</p> <p>114(1) Before taking office, all election officers shall take the oath or affirmation of office in the approved form.</p> <p>Transmission of oaths</p> <p>(2) The Regional Returning Officer shall, without delay, send to the Chief Electoral Officer the original written copy of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Regional Returning Officer's own oath or affirmation; and (b) the appointment and oath or affirmation of the assistant regional returning officer and every other election officer in the Region. <p>Authority to administer</p> <p>(3) An election officer may administer any oaths, affirmations or declarations that are required by this Act to be administered during an election.</p> <p>Prohibition of fees</p> <p>(4) All oaths, affirmations or declarations administered under this Act should be administered without charge.</p>

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B. Extending the Registration Period for Voters in Penal and Correctional Institutions	
<p>Voters in a penal or correctional institution</p> <p>12(4) A voter who is confined to a penal or correctional institution in Saskatchewan must register to vote at least 14 days before election day in accordance with arrangements made by the Chief Electoral Officer at that institution.</p>	<p>Voters in a penal or correctional institution</p> <p>12(4) A voter who is confined to a penal or correctional institution in Saskatchewan must register to vote at least 7 days before election day in accordance with arrangements made by the Chief Electoral Officer at that institution.</p>
C. Mobile Polls for Isolated Communities	
<p>Request for mobile poll</p> <p>48(1) A Regional Returning Officer shall give public notice that voters may call the Regional Returning Officer to request a visit by a mobile poll, if the voter is shut in and unable to vote either at the office of the Regional Returning Officer or the polling station.</p>	<p>Request for mobile poll</p> <p>48(1) A Regional Returning Officer shall give public notice that voters may call the Regional Returning Officer to request a visit by a mobile poll if, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, the voter is unable to vote at either the office of the Regional Returning Officer or the polling station because he or she is shut in or located in an isolated community.</p>
D. Vouching	
<p>Right to register to vote</p> <p>12(1) Any person who is an eligible voter may register in accordance with this section.</p> <p>Registration procedure</p> <p>(2) A person who wishes to register to vote must</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) go to a place for registration listed in section 11; (b) provide documentary evidence of the voter=s name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer, which entitles him or her to vote; and (c) sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule. <p>Approved ID</p> <p>(3) Acceptable documentary evidence for the purposes of subsection (2) is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) one approved document that shows the voters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. first and last names, ii. current address, and iii. signature or photo; (b) one approved document showing the voter=s name and another approved document showing the voter=s name and current address; or (c) any other approved documentary evidence, suitable for persons without the 	<p>Right to register to vote</p> <p>12(1) Any person who is an eligible voter may register in accordance with this section.</p> <p>Registration procedure</p> <p>(2) A person who wishes to register to vote must</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) go to a place for registration listed in section 11; (b) provide documentary evidence of the voter's name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer, which entitles him or her to vote; and (c) sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule. <p>Approved ID</p> <p>(3) Acceptable documentary evidence for the purposes of subsection (2) is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) one approved document that shows the voters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. first and last names, ii. current address, and iii. signature or photo; (b) one approved document showing the voter's name and another approved document showing the voter's name and current address; or

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<p>documentation referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).</p>	<p>(c) any other approved documentary evidence, suitable for persons without the documentation referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).</p> <p>Other approved documentary evidence</p> <p>(4) As provided in section 12(3)(c) above, a voter may provide acceptable documentary evidence of the identity and residence for another voter that does not have the documentation referred to in section 12(3) (a) and (b) above provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the voter with acceptable documentary evidence (the “Voucher”) has registered to vote and provides the acceptable documentary evidence identified in sections 12(2) and (3)(a) and (b) above, and otherwise complies with this Act;(b) the voter without the acceptable documentary evidence (the “Vouchee”) must:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. go to a place for registration listed in section 11;ii. provide evidence of the voter’s name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer, which entitles him or her to vote; andiii. sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule;(c) the Voucher must:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. provide evidence of the Voucher’s name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer;ii. provide evidence of the Vouchee’s name and current address for inspection by the election officer; andiii. sign and swear, or affirm, the Oath/Attestation of Voter Identity and Residence form in Form 5 of the Schedule and attach this to the Vouchee’s Form 1 of the Schedule;(d) all of the voters subject to this paragraph must swear or attest that the information being provided is true and for no improper purpose. <p>(5) Each Voucher shall not provide documentary evidence pursuant to section 12(4) for more than two (2) Vouchees in an election.</p>
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E. Voting in the Office of the Regional Returning Officer	
<p>Voting in office of Regional Returning Officer</p> <p>43(1) A voter may vote in the office of the Regional Returning Officer in accordance with this section.</p> <p>Application of other provisions</p> <p>(2) Subject to this section, the provisions of this Act respecting polls and voting on election day apply to voting in the office of a Regional Returning Officer with such modifications as the circumstances require or as the Chief Electoral Officer may direct.</p> <p>Registration in the office</p> <p>(3) A voter may vote in the office of the Regional Returning Officer, even if the voter has not yet registered, by registering as a voter in the same manner as on election day.</p> <p>Time for voting in office of returning officer</p> <p>(4) A person may vote at the office of the Regional Returning Officer only during the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, commencing the 15th day before election day, and ending the 8th day before election day, but not including a Sunday.</p> <p>Recording votes</p> <p>(5) The Regional Returning Officer shall, in accordance with the instructions of the Chief Electoral Officer,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) keep a record of voters who have voted in the office of the Regional(b) Returning Officer and notify the deputy returning officers of the voters who have so voted;(c) seal the ballots and all the election materials inside the ballot box in the approved manner;(d) secure the ballot box and ballot papers during the period in which persons may vote at the office of the Regional Returning Officer until the time for the counting of votes on election day;(e) count the votes in the office of the Regional Returning Officer at the close of the polls on election day; and(f) secure the ballot papers and other material associated with the voting after the counting of the votes.	<p>Repeal the entirety of Article 43.</p>

(Amended Sample Voter Registration Forms are attached on the following pages)

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Form 1
VOTER REGISTRATION FORM
for Saskatchewan Métis Voters

[unique number]

VOTER'S OATH / AFFIRMATION

I, the undersigned, solemnly swear / affirm that I am eligible to vote in the general election to be held on Election Day for the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and in particular that:

- ✓ I am or will be 16 years of age or older, as of [election day];
- ✓ I am a resident of Saskatchewan;
- ✓ I am a resident of Region number;
- ✓ I identify myself as a Métis, as distinct from other Aboriginal peoples;
- ✓ I am not registered as a member of a First Nation or other group of Aboriginal peoples;
- ✓ I am of Historic Métis Nation ancestry;
- ✓ I honestly believe that I am accepted, or will be accepted, by the Métis Nation; and
- ✓ I consent to having my name and personal information used for the purposes of Métis elections and citizenship.

VOTER'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____
 Middle Name / Initial: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Other commonly used name: _____
 Address: _____
 _____ Postal Code _____
 Tel: _____
 Date of Birth: Day: ___ Month: ___ Year: _____
 Male: _____ Female: _____
 Métis Local (if applicable) _____

OATH / AFFIRMATION

Sworn before me in the _____ of _____,
 in the Province of Saskatchewan,
 this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Signature

 A Commissioner for Oaths in and
 for the Province of Saskatchewan.
 My commission expires _____.

- OR -
Being an elections officer pursuant to *The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007.*
- OR -
Being a solicitor.

WARNING – Knowingly making a false oath / affirmation is a serious criminal offence and may result in prosecution and conviction for perjury under the Criminal Code. Everyone who commits perjury is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years.

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Form 5

OATH OR ATTESTATION OF IDENTITY AND RESIDENCE

for Saskatchewan Métis Voters without Documentary Evidence of Identity

I, the undersigned registered voter, solemnly swear / affirm that:

- (a) I am eligible to vote in the general election to be held on Election Day for the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
- (b) I have complied with *The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007* and my voter number is _____
- (c) I personally know _____ (the voter) who is, in my belief, at least 16 years of age
- (d) I personally know _____ (the voter) resides at the address listed below
- (e) I believe that _____ (the voter) is entitled to be a voter
- (f) I have sworn / affirmed the identity and residence of no more than two (2) individuals, including the identity and residence of _____ (the voter)
- (g) I make this oath / affirmation in support of an application to permit an eligible voter to vote in the absence of documentary evidence of identity and residence, and conscientiously believing it to be true and for no improper purpose.

REGISTRANT'S INFORMATION

First Name: _____
Middle Name / Initial: _____
Last Name: _____
Other Commonly Used Name: _____
Address: _____
_____ Postal Code _____
Tel: _____
Date of Birth: Day: ___ Month: ___ Year: ___
Male: _____ Female: _____
Métis Local (if applicable) _____

OATH / AFFIRMATION

Sworn before me in the _____ of _____,
in the Province of Saskatchewan,
this ___ day of _____, 20__.

_____ Signature

A Commissioner for Oaths in and
for the Province of Saskatchewan.
My commission expires _____.

- OR -

Being an elections officer pursuant to *The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*.

- OR -

Being a solicitor.

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