



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*scheduled November 23, 2019*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, held November 23, 2019 at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**WELCOME – NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

**OPENING PRAYER and CALL TO ORDER**

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) commenced with an Opening Prayer by Elder Emile Janvier.

President Glen McCallum welcomed delegates, and commended the MN-S' relationship established with the Minister of Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

**GREETINGS**

**Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada**

Minister Bennett extended appreciation for the earlier prayers, acknowledged the territory on which the Assembly was being held, and recognized the Métis Veterans and others in attendance. She complimented the structure of the November 22, 2019 Workshop Forum, and the communications it enabled.

The Minister referenced a number of books written on the history and experiences of the Métis people, by Métis authors including Jesse Thistle and Jean Teillet. The recently-released book titled, "From the Ashes: My Story of Being Métis, Homeless, and Finding My Way", by Jesse Thistle described the impacts of Indigenous people growing up without knowing their culture. The book explained how the Métis people were not taken care of with a treaty, like the First Nations people were.

As the MN-S continued to democratically establish its government, a number of accomplishments were developing through partnerships. These successes were reflective of the Prime Minister's last Ministerial Mandate Letters to Cabinet, which affirmed the importance of partnerships, and recognizing and respecting rights.

Delegates were reminded that the Government of Canada continued to place the highest level of priority on the government-to-government relationship with the Métis Nation. Communications were essential for expeditiously demonstrating how hard everyone was working to make the recognition and implementation of rights, a reality. The Provincial Métis Council's (PMC's) dedication to bolstering the Métis government in Saskatchewan, confirmed a commitment to governance and accountability.

Minister Bennett commended the MN-S Self-Government Agreement signed in June 2019, which was a significant achievement towards the MN-S' recognition as a government. The collaboratively-developed agreement recognized jurisdiction over core governance matters, including how government should operate. Métis citizens' keenness to understand and engage with government on critical issues, would help prevent the risk of any progress being rolled back. Although there was still work to be done to implement the agreement, the Government of Canada remained committed to the same distinctions-based approach.

The Minister added that she appreciated the opportunity to attend the Assembly, and looked forward to sharing in the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Métis Nation.

**Gerald Morin, Vice President, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

Vice President Morin recognized that Métis self-determination was integral to the MN-S' progress. He thanked the Minister for her comments, and confirmed that the MN-S was proud of the future ahead.

The Vice President commented on the history and successes the MN-S enjoyed, including the establishment of Cumfi Local 165, which now benefits from some multi-million dollar holdings and other accomplishments. Additional successes were referenced, including the Constitution passed in 1983, a land claim launched in 1994, and the MNLA held in 1994 (at Batoche). Although the MN-S Constitution specified that two MNLAs should be held each year, this was the first year in which two MNLAs had occurred. Delegates were encouraged to continue to move towards "reconcili-action".

Before the current PMC was elected in May 2017, funding from federal government was not normalized or consistent. It was conditional on the MN-S' demonstration of "good governance". Soon after the 2017 election, funding was fully transitioned and reinstated to the MN-S.

The MN-S continued to progress, and was quickly learning from its mistakes and successes. A key priority in the Framework Agreement signed in July 2018, was to negotiate outstanding land issues. The MN-S President has heard that there may be interest in a province-wide harvesting agreement, potentially before the next election.

The Vice President referenced key priorities related to housing, post-secondary, etc., designed to help enable Métis citizens to achieve their goals and aspirations. Furthermore, the Core Governance Agreement signed in June 2019, could ensure legislation was passed in Parliament endorsing a Métis Nation Recognition Act, and confirming the MN-S as the government of the Métis people of Saskatchewan.

It was suggested that future consideration may be given to recognizing the MN-S Affiliates as departments of the MN-S government. Another priority area of the MN-S was an updated Comprehensive Claims Policy. The Métis National Council (MNC) and the Governing Members, successfully negotiated the Policy for Métis people, with federal government representatives.

The Vice President confirmed that a series of discussions were recently held across the MN-S, focussed on gathering feedback related to the Constitutional Reform process. Additional efforts would be held to encourage working collaboratively to protect and promote the rights of Métis people, on the journey towards self-determination.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA – NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

### **1. ROLL CALL OF ASSEMBLY DELEGATES and CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), referenced a legal opinion received related to the attendance of delegates at the MNLA. He confirmed that delegates announced during the roll call could remain as voting delegates, at the table.

The CEO read aloud the names of the registered voting delegates, and confirmed a total of 90 delegates in attendance. He declared that the required quorum of 75 delegates had been achieved (see attached “List of Registered Delegates”).

### **2. APPOINTMENT OF SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE MÉTIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

#### **It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

**WHEREAS** Article 5 of the *Métis Nation- Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, as amended, directs the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint a Speaker and a Deputy Speaker for the MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) for a period of two years;

**AND WHEREAS** the MN-S PMC at their duly called meeting on October 18, 2019 resolved that a MNLA would be held November 22-24, 2019;

**AND WHEREAS** the MN-S PMC at their duly called meeting on November 9, 2019 passed a motion to appoint Mike Nolan and Joe Blyan as Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the November 22-24, 2019 MNLA.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA ratify the appointments of Mike Nolan and Joe Blyan as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with Section 5.1.1 of the *Métis Nation- Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker are appointed for a period of two years.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-01)**

*76 Delegates voted in favour*

*Viola Bell voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

#### **It was MOVED (Linda Scoop) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, now adjourn.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-02)**

*77 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegate voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

**3. ORDER OF THE DAY – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**It was MOVED (Viola Bell) and SECONDED (Tracey Rogers)**

**WHEREAS** Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, as amended, directs the Clerk of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) to be responsible for drafting an agenda for the MNLA, as directed by the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

**AND WHEREAS** an Agenda is hereby proposed for the MN-S MNLA to be held November 23, 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following Agenda be adopted by the MN-S MNLA:

- Grand Entry:
  - Opening Prayer
  - Métis National Anthem
  - O Canada
- Greetings
- Roll Call (of Registered Delegates): MNLA Clerk Richard Quintal
- MNLA Motions:
  - Order of the Day / Adoption of the Agenda
  - Adoption of Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  - Adoption of Dumont Scouts
  - Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
  - Adoption of April 2018 MNLA Minutes
- April 2019 MNLA Minutes: Provincial Secretary Lisa McCallum
- Motions to Accept Reports:
  - Executive
  - Regional Representative
  - Ministerial
  - Affiliates
- Motions and Resolutions
- Budget:
  - Motion to Accept Audited Financial Statements
  - Financial Statements - September 30, 2019
- Conclusion.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-03)**

*74 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**Point of Order**

The Speaker confirmed that there were 90 voting delegates present, and that a simple majority (46 affirmative votes) was required for a resolution to pass; with the exception of resolutions on Constitutional amendments, which required a 75% majority to pass (68 affirmative votes).

**4. APPOINTMENT OF DUMONT SCOUTS**

**It was MOVED (Penny Hurton) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)**

**WHEREAS** Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* provides that "Dumont Scouts be appointed by the Provincial Métis Council to maintain order and procedure during Assembly";

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Wade Daigneault, Felix Merasty, and Josie Searson, shall be Dumont Scouts at the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly scheduled November 23, 2019.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-04)**

*87 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**5. LOCALS (NEW or DISSOLVED)**

**It was MOVED (Adam McInnes) and SECONDED (Shannon Unrau)**

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, section 4 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan provides that Locals can be dissolved by the Regional Councils, provided this decision is ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, and the requirements herein are no longer met;

**WHEREAS**, there is no longer a Local President nor Local activity of:

- a) Outlook Local 155;
- b) Bickley/Plato Local 170; and
- c) Scott Local 112;

**WHEREAS**, there is no longer any participation from the community within the Locals from:

- a) Outlook Local 155;
- b) Bickley/Plato Local 170; and
- c) Scott Local 112;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the three Locals:

- a) Outlook Local 155;
- b) Bickley/Plato Local 170; and
- c) Scott Local 112;

Be dissolved until such time that the Métis citizens from the Local communities reactivate their Local in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-05)**

*87 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

Vice President Morin confirmed that Article 7, section 4, of the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, acknowledged that Locals can be dissolved by Regional Councils, provided the decision is ratified by the MNLA.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**6.1 Minutes of the April 14-15, 2018 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and the April 15, 2018 General Assembly**

The Speaker confirmed that decisions indicated in the 2018 Minutes were read aloud during the April 14, 2019 MNLA.

**Main Motion:**

**It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Virginia Lacroix)**

That Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) agrees to:

- Dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 14-15, 2018 MN-S MNLA and April 15, 2018 General Assembly; and
- Adopt the Minutes as presented.

**Amendment to the Main Motion:**

**It was MOVED (Adam McKinnis) and SECONDED (Viola Bell)**

That the main motion be amended by adding thereto:

- That the Minutes of the April 15, 2018 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, General Assembly be amended to correct the spelling of Brian Lee's name (on Page 2).

**CARRIED**

*87 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**Question on the Main Motion as Amended:**

The question was called on the main motion as amended and it was

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-06)**

*88 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

**6.2 Minutes of the April 14, 2019 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly**

Lisa McCallum, Secretary, read aloud the decisions indicated in the April 14, 2019 Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

Earl Cook, Treasurer, confirmed that there were currently no job descriptions for the Executive Committee (with the exception of the Treasurer). The Treasurer's job description was duly passed by the Finance Committee. He referenced Resolution #MNLA190414-13 which clarified the Secretary's role to assist Locals as requested with the pre-approval of Regional Directors.

**It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)**

That the Minutes of the April 14, 2019 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-07)**

*81 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

**It was MOVED (Wayne Whitford) and SECONDED (Alex McInnes)**

That the November 23, 2019 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now adjourn.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-08)**

*84 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**Health Break**

Elder Max Morin provided a meal blessing. The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:40 p.m.

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 Executive Report, Regional Representative Reports and Affiliate Reports (Provided in Writing)**

President McCallum referenced the “State of the Nation” address he provided at the November 22, 2019 Workshop Forum, and the report included with the Agenda (see the attached “List of Appendices”).

**It was MOVED (Robert Melbouef) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) receive for information the President’s “State of the Nation” address provided at the November 22, 2019 Workshop Forum; and his printed report and related attachments included with the MNLA Agenda.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-09)**

*87 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**7.2 Vice President’s Report**

Vice President Morin referred the Assembly to his report included with the Agenda (see the attached “List of Appendices”). He commented on efforts since the April 2019 MNLA, related to the Constitutional Reform process, noting that amendments were being prepared for consideration. A subsequent round of Constitutional Reform Consultation sessions may be held from March to May 2020. A final report related to the discussions on the Judicial Tribunal Council was also forthcoming.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) receive for information, the Vice President’s verbal update, and his printed report and related attachments included with the MNLA Agenda.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-10)**

*82 Delegates voted in favour*

*Viola Bell voted in opposition*

*6 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**7.3 Secretary’s Report**

Secretary McCallum referred to her report provided with the Agenda (see the attached “List of Appendices”), and offered comments on some proposed activities.

**Point of Order**

The Speaker affirmed that the reports provided with the MNLA Agenda, may include indications of proposed projects, and ruled that receipt of a report did not imply approval of projects referenced therein.

**It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Ralph Kennedy)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) receive for information the Secretary’s report, included with the MNLA Agenda.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-11)**

*87 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**7.4 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report**

CEO Quintal referred the Assembly to his report provided with the Agenda (see the attached “List of Appendices”), and acknowledged his verbal update, provided at the November 22, 2019 Workshop Forum.

**It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) receive for information the Chief Executive Officer’s report, included with the MNLA Agenda.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-12)**

*89 Delegates voted in favour*

*Viola Bell voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

President McCallum acknowledged ongoing efforts to improve communications with the members. It was noted that the MN-S office now had an in-house Communications Department, and that the MN-S website, social media, and The New Breed magazine, would help to keep members informed.

## 7.5 Additional Reports

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) receive for information all remaining reports included with the MNLA Agenda.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-13)**

*81 Delegates voted in favour*

*3 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

### **Point of Order**

The Speaker confirmed that there were now 91 voting delegates present, and that a simple majority (46 affirmative votes) was required for a resolution to pass; with the exception of resolutions on Constitutional amendments, which required a 75% majority to pass (68 affirmative votes).

## 8. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Assembly was informed that Resolutions #11-2019-3, #11-2019-4, and #11-2019-9, provided with the Agenda, had been duly withdrawn by the Mover and would not be considered.

### 8.1 **Regional Council Seats for Youth and Women Representatives (Presented as #11-2019-1)**

Discussion ensued on the motion provided for consideration with the Agenda. Comments were offered on the feasibility of establishing seats for a woman representative and a youth representative on Regional Councils, to enable them to have a vote at the table. It was suggested that further consideration could ensue through the Constitutional Reform process.

With support from the Seconder, the Mover withdrew the motion (as indicated below).

### **It was MOVED (Adam McInness) and SECONDED (Wayne Whitford)**

**WHEREAS** the Youth and Women have seats on the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and the Provincial Métis Council;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 5: Regions, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan reads:

- 2. The Regions shall be governed by a Regional Council composed of the Presidents of the Locals within the respective Regions along with a regionally elected representative who shall be the Chairperson of the Regional Council, as well as the Region's representative on the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.*

**AND WHEREAS** there are no representatives of the Youth and Women on the Regional Council; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** That a seat be established on Regional Council of each region for a regionally elected Youth representative;

**RESOLVED** That a seat be established on Regional Council of each region for a regionally elected Women representative;

**RESOLVED** That Article 5: Regions, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan be amended to read:

2. *The Regions shall be governed by a Regional Council composed of the Presidents of the Locals within the respective Regions along with a regionally elected Youth representative, regionally elected Women representative, and a regionally elected representative who shall be the Chairperson of the Regional Council as well as the Region's representative on the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.*

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**8.2 Including Women and Youth Presidents on the Election Ballot (Presented as #11-2019-2)**

During discussion on the motion provided with the Agenda, comments were offered on potentially including the Presidents of the Métis Women and Métis Youth on future ballots.

**It was MOVED (Earl Cool) and SECONDED (Virginia LaCroix)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, now adjourn.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-14)**

*A majority of Delegates voted in favour*

The Speaker confirmed the responsibilities and authorities of the MNLA Speaker and Deputy Speaker, to ensure compliance with the procedures, rules, decorum and debates of the MNLA.

**Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

**8.2 Including Women and Youth Presidents on the Election Ballot (Presented as #11-2019-2) (Continued)**

The Mover withdrew the motion. The Mover confirmed the intent to re-introduce the motion at the next MNLA, accompanied by relevant financial and logistical information.

**8.3 Emergency Resolution – Appointment of MNLA Delegates**

The Speaker explained that based on the *MNLA Act*, Area Directors currently had the authority to appoint MNLA Delegates. As such, a resolution was prepared to provide clarity. During discussion, concerns were extended regarding the implications of enabling a motion to come forward without sufficient notice.

**It was MOVED (Adam McInnes) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), waive the 30-day notice for considering amendments to the *MNLA Act*, to enable consideration of an emergency resolution.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

*3 Delegates voted in favour*

*64 Delegates voted in opposition*

*4 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**8.4 Proof of Citizenship for Local President (Presented as #11-2019-5)**

The Assembly discussed the intent of the motion, that Local Presidents would be in the process of applying for Métis citizenship cards, within 60-days after the November 23, 2019 MNLA concludes.

**It was MOVED (Adam McInnes) and SECONDED (Wayne Whitford)**

**WHEREAS** Article 10 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan reads:

1. Citizenship Definition (amended January 2004):
  - a) Métis means a person, who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
  - b) “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds who resided in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
  - c) “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-breeds as they were known.
  - d) “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada; within the meaning of Sec. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.
  - e) “Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples” means distinct for culture and nationhood purpose.

**WHEREAS** Chapter 9: Jurisdiction for Citizenship, under the section titled “Register of Citizens, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Canada”, reads:

- 9.04 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Register of Citizens. The Electors will be listed on the Register as Citizens. No Citizen may be removed from the Register unless as provided for in a Métis Government Law.
- 9.05 For greater certainty, following the Self-Government Implementation Day, no individual may be added to the Register unless they have applied for citizenship with the Métis Governments and meet the requirements set out in the relevant Métis Government Law.

**AND WHEREAS** Chapter 10: Jurisdiction for Selection of Representatives of the Métis Government, under the section titled “Métis Government Law, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Canada”, reads:

- 10.02 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Métis Government Law that sets out the processes for the selection of the representatives of the Métis Government and its Governance Structures, including internal appeal processes;

**AND WHEREAS** there are currently no requirements for a person who wishes to be a candidate for an elected office of a Local to prove that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly directs:

1. That a person who wishes to be a candidate for an elected office of a Local of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan must demonstrate that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan;
2. That a section be added to the appropriate legislation to reflect this;
3. That all Local Presidents of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan must have their Métis Nation-Saskatchewan citizenship cards or have a letter from the Registry stating that they are in the process of obtaining their Métis Nation-Saskatchewan citizenship within 60 days of the close of this sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly; and
4. That Local Presidents of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan who do not comply with obtaining their citizenship, be required to resign and their Local shall hold a by-election to fill the vacancy in accordance with their bylaws.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-15)**

*77 Delegates voted in favour*

*3 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

#### **8.5 Proof of Citizenship for Elected Officers (Presented as #11-2019-6)**

The Assembly discussed the intent of the motion, that Elected Officers would be in the process of applying for Métis citizenship cards, within 60-days after the November 23, 2019 MNLA concludes.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- Governing Members previously amended their Constitutions to reflect the definition of a “Métis citizen”
- The right to self-determination has been recognized internationally.

The Mover and Seconder agreed to a Friendly Amendment, correcting the second “Therefore Be It Resolved” section, to refer to “Section 17, Subsection 2”.

**It was MOVED (Adam McInnes) and SECONDED (Wayne Whitford)**

**WHEREAS** Article 10 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan reads:

1. Citizenship Definition (amended January 2004):
  - a) “Métis” means a person, who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
  - b) “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds who resided in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
  - c) “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-breeds as they were known.
  - d) “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada; within the meaning of Sec. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.
  - e) “Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples” means distinct for culture and nationhood purpose.

**WHEREAS** Section 17 of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 reads:

17. Rights to be a candidate

- 1) Every person has a right to be a candidate in an election if, on nomination day, the person is:
  - a) Qualified to vote in the election for the office for which the person seeks to be a candidate; and
  - b) Not disqualified under this section.

Disqualification:

- 2) A person is not qualified to be a candidate if, on nomination day, the person:
  - a) Holds elected office pursuant to the Elections Act, 1996 (Saskatchewan); the Local Government Election Act (Saskatchewan) or the Canada Elections Act or is a member of the Senate;
  - b) Is a judge of any court, other than a citizenship court;
  - c) Is an election officer or a member of the staff of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer;
  - d) Is not a resident of Saskatchewan;
  - e) Is confined to a penal or correctional institution and is serving a sentence of confinement that extends to at least election day;
  - f) Committed an offence in relation to elections within the previous 10 years; or
  - g) Committed an indictable offence within the previous five years.

Regional Representative:

- 3) In addition to the disqualification in subsection (2), a person is not qualified to be a candidate for Regional Representative if, on nomination day, the person is not a resident of the Region for which the person is a candidate.

**WHEREAS** Chapter 9: Jurisdiction for Citizenship, under the section titled “Register of Citizens, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Canada”, reads:

- 9.04 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Register of Citizens. The Electors will be listed on the Register as Citizens. No Citizen may be removed from the Register unless as provided for in a Métis Government Law.
- 9.05 For greater certainty, following the Self-Government Implementation Day, no individual may be added to the Register unless they have applied for citizenship with the Métis Governments and met the requirements set out in the relevant Métis Government Law.

**AND WHEREAS** Chapter 10: Jurisdiction for Selection of Representatives of the Métis Government, under the section titled “Métis Government Law, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Canada”, reads:

- 10.02 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Métis Government Law that sets out the processes for the selection of the representatives of the Métis Government and its Governance Structures, including internal appeal processes;

**AND WHEREAS** there are no requirements for a person who wishes to be a candidate for an elected office to prove that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly directs:

1. That a person who wishes to be a candidate for an elected office of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan must demonstrate that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan.
2. That Section 17 Subsection 2 of *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007* be amended to read:
  - (2) A person is not qualified to be a candidate if, on nomination day, the person:
    - a) Holds elected office pursuant to the *Elections Act, 1996 (Saskatchewan)*; the *Local Government Election Act (Saskatchewan)* or the *Canada Elections Act*, or is a member of the Senate;
    - b) Is a judge of any court, other than a citizenship court;
    - c) Is an election officer or a member of the staff of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer;
    - d) Is not a resident of Saskatchewan;
    - e) Is confined to a penal or correctional institution and is serving a sentence of confinement that extends to at least election day;
    - f) Committed an offence in relation to elections within the previous 10 years; or
    - g) Committed an indictable offence within the previous five years; or
    - h) Is not a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan.
3. That all elected officers of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan must have their Métis Nation-Saskatchewan citizenship cards or have a letter from the Registry stating that they are in the process of obtaining their Métis Nation-Saskatchewan citizenship within 60 days of the close of this sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.
4. That all elected officers of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan who do not comply with obtaining their citizenship be required to resign and a by-election be held to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan legislation.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-16)**

*77 Delegates voted in favour*

*2 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

#### **8.6 Proof of Citizenship of Voters (Presented as #11-2019-7)**

The Assembly discussed the intent of the motion, and the need for the MN-S to create a registry of its citizens.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding supports available to anyone experiencing financial hardship, which may preclude them from applying for citizenship (e.g. purchasing long form birth certificates).

**It was MOVED (Adam McInnes) and SECONDED (Wayne Whitford)**

**WHEREAS** Article 10 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan reads:

1. Citizenship Definition (amended January 2004):
  - a) “Métis” means a person, who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
  - b) “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds

- who resided in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
- c) “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-breeds as they were known.
- d) “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada; within the meaning of Sec. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.
- e) “Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples” means distinct for culture and nationhood purpose.

**WHEREAS** Section 6 of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 reads:

Right to vote for Executive Member

1. Every person has a right to vote in an election for an Executive Member if, on election day, the person is:
  - a) A Métis citizen;
  - b) At least 16 years of age;
  - c) Not registered as a member of a First Nation or other group of Aboriginal peoples; and
  - d) A resident of Saskatchewan.

Right to Vote for Regional Representative

2. Every person has a right to vote in an election for a Regional Representative if, on election day, the person is:
  - a) A Métis citizen;
  - b) At least 16 years of age;
  - c) Not registered as a member of a First Nation or other group of Aboriginal peoples; and
  - d) A resident of the Region for which the Regional Representative is a candidate.

**WHEREAS** Section 12, Subsection 2 of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 reads:

- (2) A person who wishes to register to vote must
  - 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.

**WHEREAS** Chapter 9: Jurisdiction for Citizenship, under the section titled Register of Citizens, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Canada reads:

- 9.04 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Register of Citizens. The Electors will be listed on the Register as Citizens. No Citizen may be removed from the Register unless as provided for in a Métis Government Law.
- 9.05 For greater certainty, following the Self-Government Implementation Day, no individual may be added to the Register unless they have applied for citizenship with the Métis Governments and met the requirements set out in the relevant Métis Government Law.

**AND WHEREAS** there are no requirements for a person who wishes to be a candidate for an elected office to prove that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly directs:

1. That a person who wishes to register to vote in all Métis Nation-Saskatchewan elections must provide a citizenship card to demonstrate that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, or provide a letter that includes an embossed seal from the Registry stating that they have applied for citizenship;
2. That Section 12 Subsection 2 of Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 be amended to read:
  - (2) A person who wishes to register to vote must
    - 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;
    - c) Sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule;
    - d) Provide documentation to prove that they are, or are in the process of becoming, a registered citizen of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan;
    - e) Provide their current Saskatchewan Health Card; and
3. That Form 1, the Voter Registration Form, in Schedule of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 be revised to include a section for documenting the voter's proof of citizenship in the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-17)**

*58 Delegates voted in favour*

*19 Delegates voted in opposition*

*4 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**8.7 Requirements of Regional Representation (Presented as #11-2019-8)**

During discussion, it was suggested that the resolution be referred for consideration through the Constitutional Reform process. The Mover withdrew this resolution.

**9. BUDGET**

**9.1 Motion to Accept the Audited Financial Statements**

Trisha Boutin, Laskowski & Wright LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, reviewed the "Independent Auditor's Report" and the financial statements for the MN-S Secretariat Inc.

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

**WHEREAS** Section 5(a) of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Secretariat Inc. provides that the audited financial statements of the Secretariat be placed before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following reports, prepared by Laskowski and Wright, LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, be accepted as presented:

- The "Independent Auditor's Report", and
- The "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2019".

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-18)**

*74 Delegates voted in favour*

*Viola Bell and 4 other Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**9.2 Financial Statements – September 30, 2019**

Earl Cook, Minister of Finance, referred to the “Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, Financial Statements, for the Period Ending September 30, 2019”. He explained that there were terms and conditions attached to the funding received from Federal Government, and that the MN-S was responsible to ensure the funds were spent and accounted for properly.

In response to questions raised, it was confirmed that the Regions received some capacity funding, and that funding was allocated to each initiative, where possible.

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Tracey Rogers)**

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly accept as presented, the “Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, Financial Statements, for the Period Ending September 30, 2019”.

**CARRIED (MNLA191123-19)**

*78 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**9.3 Judicial Tribunal Council**

Mike Nolin offered an update on the status of the Judicial Tribunal Council, noting that additional time was required to ensure a cultural perspective was incorporated into the draft “Justice Act”. He added that the draft report would include recommendations provided during the Judicial Tribunal Council sessions, or submitted otherwise. It was confirmed that feedback could be submitted anonymously, and that the Justice Act and related report would be provided at least 90 days prior to the next MNLA.

**CONCLUSION**

Thanks were extended to the Speaker for his facilitation, and to the Delegates and Observers for their attendance. Elder Norman Fleury offered a Closing Prayer.

**It was MOVED (Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, held November 23, 2019, now conclude.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA191123-19)**

*(Time: 6:25 p.m.)*

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**SIGNED AND CERTIFIED** as a correct record of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) held November 23, 2019, by the duly appointed Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

**ORIGINAL COPY SIGNED**

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MNLA Speaker Mike Nolan

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MNLA Deputy Speaker Joe Blyan

**LIST OF APPENDICES**

*The following items are attached to these minutes:*

Appendix A – List of Registered Voting Delegates

Appendix B – List of Information Items

**APPENDIX A**

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*held November 23, 2019*

**LIST OF REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES**

*RR – Denotes “Regional Representatives” | As provided by Assembly Registration Staff*

<p><b>Northern Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Augier, Allen</li> <li>Burnouf, Laura</li> <li>Cook, Earl (RR)</li> <li>Fiss, Curtis</li> <li>Lavallee, Lorna</li> <li>Natomagon, Sharon</li> </ol>	<p><b>Northern Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanson, Marlene</li> <li>Herman, Dean</li> <li>Herman, Violet</li> <li>Janvier, Donna</li> <li>Montgrand, John</li> <li>Montgrand, Leonard (RR)</li> <li>St. Pierre, Robert</li> <li>Wagner, Matilda</li> </ol>	<p><b>Northern Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bouvier, Mervin “Tex” (RR)</li> <li>Bouvier, Sandra</li> <li>Daigneault, Joe</li> <li>Durocher, Jimmy</li> <li>Kenny, Fred</li> <li>Kenny, Percy</li> <li>Lafleur, Euginie</li> <li>Laliberte, Patsy</li> <li>Maurice, Lisa</li> <li>Melbouef, Robert</li> <li>Natomagon, Mike</li> <li>Roy, Kelvin</li> </ol>	<p><b>Eastern Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carriere, Ryan (RR)</li> <li>Favel, Gerald</li> <li>Morin, Gerald L.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Eastern Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bell, Viola</li> <li>Boughen, Kent</li> <li>Genaille, Dianne</li> <li>Johnson, Helene</li> <li>Soll, Sherry (RR)</li> <li>St. Denis, Marshall</li> <li>Vandale, Denis</li> <li>Yip, Sheila</li> </ol>	<p><b>Eastern Region #2A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genaille, Richard</li> <li>Langan, Derek (RR)</li> <li>Langan, Ron</li> <li>Paul, Wayne</li> <li>Pellitier, Barry</li> <li>Potyondi, Joanna</li> </ol>	<p><b>Eastern Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ducharme, Alma</li> <li>Friesen, Marg (RR)</li> <li>Klyne, Stewart</li> <li>LaCroix, Virginia</li> <li>Mondor, Dexter</li> <li>Poitras, Leebert</li> <li>Racette, Trisha</li> <li>Rogers, Tracey</li> <li>Scoop, Linda</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bell, Michael</li> <li>Boyer, Warren</li> <li>Brady, Theresa</li> <li>Jodoin, Sharmaine</li> <li>King, Loretta (RR)</li> <li>Lavoie, Margaret</li> <li>Lehoullier, John</li> <li>Ludvisksen, Debra</li> <li>Parker, Darrell</li> <li>Poitras, Angela</li> <li>Pritchett, Melanie</li> </ol>
<p><b>Western Region #1A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Felder, Carla</li> <li>Kennedy, Billy (RR)</li> <li>Kennedy, Ralph</li> <li>Racette, Myrtle</li> <li>Trotchie, Becky</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bannerman, Cary</li> <li>Debray, Candy</li> <li>Dumais, Donna</li> <li>Guillet, Victor</li> <li>Hope, Carla</li> <li>Joanette, Jeff</li> <li>Mckay, Darlene</li> <li>McLennan, Sherry (RR)</li> <li>Neufeldt, Wanda</li> <li>Pott, Blanche</li> <li>Rhondeau, Dave</li> <li>Tetarenko, Lucille</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #2A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Card, Barbara Ann</li> <li>Falcon, Barry</li> <li>Hurton, Penny (RR)</li> <li>Isbister, Shirley</li> <li>McInnes, Adam</li> <li>Maurice, Faye</li> <li>Quiring-Remier, Dawn</li> <li>Unrau, Shannon</li> <li>Whitford, Wayne</li> <li>Wright, Chad</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aubichon, Maurice</li> <li>Brooks, Dennis</li> <li>Fazakas, Marilyn</li> <li>Gervais, Wendy (RR)</li> <li>Trudel, Laverne</li> <li>Woelk, Ron</li> </ol>
<p><b>Youth</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bell, Jaycee (Chair)</li> <li>Bo Favel, Rayne</li> <li>Chartrand, Fritz</li> <li>St. Denis, Brittney</li> <li>Trotchie, Zander</li> </ol>	<p><b>Les Filles des Madeline</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delorme, Carol</li> <li>King, Gwen</li> <li>Langan, Darlene</li> <li>Mah, Tammy (Chair)</li> <li>White, Brenda</li> </ol>	<p><b>Executive</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McCallum, Glen</li> <li>McCallum, Lisa</li> <li>Morin, Gerald</li> </ol>	

## APPENDIX B

### MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN (MN-S) MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA)

*held November 23, 2019*

#### LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

*The following items were provided with the Agenda*

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1. Agenda for the November 23, 2019 MNLA
  2. Draft Resolution: Adoption of the Agenda for the November 23, 2019 MNLA
  3. Draft Resolution: Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  4. Draft Resolution: Appointment of the Dumont Scouts
  5. Notice of the November 23, 2019 MNLA
  6. Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, held April 14-15, 2018
  7. Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan General Assembly, held April 15, 2018
  8. Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan General Assembly, held April 14, 2019
  9. Submitted for Consideration (Resolutions #11-2019-1 - #11-2019-9)
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-1): Seats on the Regional Council for a Woman and Youth Representative
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-2): Woman and Youth Executive on the Ballot for the General Election
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-3): Establishing an Arms-Length and Independent Office of the Secretary
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-4): Establishing a Ministry of Finance
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-5): Proof of Citizenship for Local Presidents
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-6): Proof of Citizenship for Elected Officers
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-7): Proof of Citizenship for Voters
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-8): Requirements of Regional Representative
    - Draft Resolution (11-2019-9): Removal of Secretary (from WR2A)
  10. Summary of the April 2019 MNLA Resolutions
  11. Auditor's Report (Laskowski & Wright LLP) of the MN-S Secretariat Inc.
  12. Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, to March 31, 2019
  13. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, Financial Statements, Period Ending September 30, 2019
  14. Report of the Provincial President
  15. Report of the Chief Executive Officer
  16. Report of the Provincial Vice President
  17. Report of the Provincial Secretary
  18. Summary Report of the April 12-14, 2019 MN-S Legislative Assembly
  19. Information on the First Time Home Buyers Program
  20. Ministerial Report: Ministry of Child and Family Services
  21. Ministerial Report: Ministry of Education
  22. Ministerial Report: Ministry of Environment
  23. Ministerial Report: Ministry of Health
  24. Ministerial Report: Ministry of Heritage and Language
  25. Ministerial Report: Provincial Citizenship Registry
  26. Ministerial Report: Ministry of Tourism
  27. Ministerial Report: Ministry of Veterans
  28. Report to the MNLA: Métis Youth Council
  29. Report to the MNLA: Back to Batoche

- 30.** Report to the MNLA: Early Learning and Childcare
- 31.** Report to the MNLA: Duty to Consult
- 32.** Report to the MNLA: Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples: Program and Services
- 33.** Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
- 34.** Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act
- 35.** The Métis Act
- 36.** Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007