



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*scheduled February 20-21, 2021*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held February 20-21, 2021, by videoconference, prepared by Jessi Connaughton, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**DAY 1 – FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

**GRAND ENTRY and OPENING PRAYER**

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the MN-S, welcomed Delegates to Day 1 of the Assembly at 9:20 a.m. Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

**ANTHEMS**

Loretta King, Minister of Inter-Nation Relations, sang the "Métis National Anthem" and "O Canada".

**GREETINGS**

**The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations**

In a pre-recorded video message, Minister Bennett acknowledged the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, from which she was speaking. She recognized the contributions of generations of Métis people and paid tribute to President Glen McCallum, members of the MN-S Executive, the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and the more than 100 Local Presidents across Saskatchewan.

Since the Framework Agreement to Advance Reconciliation was signed in 2018, great strides had been made to accelerate self-government. In June 2019, the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA) set the stage to formally recognize Métis governments in Canadian law. The agreement recognized Métis jurisdiction in core governance areas, including citizenship, leadership elections, and government operations, and represented a step toward transforming the relationship between the MN-S and Canada, while advancing the MN-S' vision of greater self-determination.

The Minister acknowledged work undertaken through the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism to improve shared priority areas such as early learning and childcare (ELCC), post-secondary education (PSE), and housing. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was achieved with the Île-à-la-Crosse Steering Committee to develop a meaningful resolution for former students of the Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School. Additionally, MN-S and Parks Canada recently announced an agreement on the future co-management of the Batoche National Historic Site, signifying another critical step towards renewal and reconciliation.

Minister Bennett commended MN-S' leadership and the community responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, through partnerships established with Meadow Lake Tribal Council, the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Northwest Communities Incident Command Centre. The Government of Canada looked forward to continuing to work with the MN-S to build a brighter future and enhance the well-being of Métis citizens across Saskatchewan.

**Chief Wayne Semaganis, Little Pine First Nation**

Chief Semaganis provided opening remarks in Cree and expressed appreciation for the invitation to attend the Assembly. He recalled the teachings of Elders, who expected First Nations and Métis peoples to recognize the duty to support and look after one another, as family. The Chief appreciated the honour to speak at the MNLA and noted that he looked forward to gathering in-person in the future.

**The Honourable Don McMorris, Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs, Government of Saskatchewan**

Minister McMorris acknowledged the Treaty 4 and Métis territory from which he recorded his video message. The virtual format of the MNLA was commended as an alternative for conducting business in a manner that kept citizens safe.

The Minister affirmed the Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province, through key actions and investments, including addressing the Calls to Action set out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. One key action includes constructing a monument to commemorate those whose lives were affected by the residential school system.

The 2021 Provincial Budget would reflect the province's commitment to economic development led by First Nations and Métis businesses and organizations. Continued investments through the Clarence Campeau Development Fund and other initiatives will directly benefit Métis citizens across Saskatchewan.

The Minister concluded that he looked forward to continued conversations with the MN-S and affiliated organizations and expressed best wishes for a productive MNLA.

**STATE OF THE NATION**

**Glen McCallum, President, MN-S**

President McCallum extended gratitude to Elder Fleury for the Opening Prayer and Minister King for singing the anthems. Elders, Veterans, Regional Directors and Local Presidents were acknowledged for their service to the MN-S.

Reflecting on the current MN-S government's three-and-a-half year term, some of the accomplishments achieved were highlighted, including:

- More than 15,000 MN-S citizens registered through the MN-S Registry
- An agreement with the National Indian Register to ensure citizens do not hold dual MN-S and First Nations citizenship
- The new MN-S office building, which will accommodate MN-S operations and 106 staff members
- The Agreement with Parks Canada on the co-management of the Batoche National Historic Site
- Progress on land claims in northwestern Saskatchewan and the Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School file
- Advances in PSE support, which expanded education opportunities for Métis citizens
- The MOU on Harvesting Rights achieved with the Province of Saskatchewan

- Relationships established by the Ministry of Health with the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency
- Effective relationships achieved with First Nations across the province, notably the Meadow Lake Tribal Council, during the COVID-19 pandemic
- The response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ongoing efforts of Local Presidents and Area Directors to protect their citizens
- The Dene and Michif Early Learning and Child Care Pilot Program in Saskatchewan school divisions.

The President recognized the efforts undertaken by Ministers, Directors and staff, as the MN-S moved forward with transparency and accountability. The MN-S continues to build nation-to-nation relationships and advance negotiations with federal and provincial governments on priority areas, such as education, housing, health and self-determination. The new spirit of cooperation and collaboration affirmed the citizens' belief in the MN-S government's work.

As the MN-S government continues to grow and prosper, it will continue to hire top-quality staff. President McCallum recognized the valuable role women play in the Métis government and recalled a powerful moment in Batoche, where a group of three women walked into the site carrying the Métis, Saskatchewan and Canadian flags.

The President reminded Delegates of Louis Riel's vision for self-government and asked for reflection on how far the MN-S has come. Delegates were recognized as registered Métis citizens, elected to their positions to represent the Métis people's pride in self-government and self-determination.

#### **WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL MNLA**

##### **Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

In a pre-recorded video message, Minister Friesen acknowledged challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic, and commended Delegates' efforts to adapt to the MNLA's virtual format. Rules and restrictions enacted by the MN-S and the Saskatchewan Health Authority must be adhered to for the protection of citizens' health and well-being.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA – FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

##### **AGENDA VARIED**

The Agenda was varied throughout the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes in the order in which they were considered.

##### **ELECTRONIC VOTING**

Resolutions were voted on during the MNLA, using an electronic voting system (Lumi). For each resolution considered, voting Delegates were instructed to electronically select to: approve, oppose or abstain. After each vote, the total number of votes received to approve, oppose and abstain were displayed and announced, and are indicated for each resolution presented in these minutes.

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

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call of registered voting Delegates and requested they turn on their video cameras and verbally confirm their presence. It was reported that a total of 83 Delegates were in attendance, and thus the required quorum of 75 Delegates had been achieved (see attached "List of Registered Delegates").

**2. MNLA MOTIONS**

**2.1 Adoption of Minute Taker (Presented as #02-2021-01)**

**It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) hereby appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd. as official Minute Taker for the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-01)**

*67 Delegates voted in favour*

*1 Delegate voted in opposition*

*2 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**2.2 Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (Presented as #02-2021-02)**

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

**WHEREAS** Article 5.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (the Act), as amended, directs the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint a Speaker and a Deputy Speaker of the MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

**AND WHEREAS** the PMC, at its meeting on January 19, 2021, made the following appointments to the office of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA:

- a) Mike Nolin to act as Speaker to the MNLA scheduled February 20 and 21, 2021; and
- b) Joe Blyan to act as Deputy Speaker to the MNLA scheduled February 20 and 21, 2021.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA hereby adopts the PMC appointments of Mike Nolin to the office of Speaker and Joe Blyan to the office of Deputy Speaker of the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-02)**

*61 Delegates voted in favour*

*12 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

The Speaker referred Delegates to the authorities and responsibilities outlined in the document titled "Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, Authority of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker" (see attached "List of Information Items"), which had been adapted to ensure compliance with the procedures, rules, decorum and debates of a virtual MNLA.

**2.3 Order of the Day—Adoption of the Agenda (Presented as #02-2021-03)**

**Main Motion:**

**It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) resolved on December 3, 2020, that the February 20 and 21, 2021, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held virtually as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions;

**WHEREAS** Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* ("the Act"), as amended, directs the Clerk of the MNLA, as defined at Article 2.4 of the Act, to draft an Agenda for the MNLA as directed by the PMC, and to compile the necessary documentation for the Order of the Day;

**WHEREAS** an Agenda for the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA was approved by the PMC at their duly convened meeting on January 19, 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** the PMC at their duly convened meeting on February 16, 2021, resolved that the Agenda and Order of the Day for the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA, be revised;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA hereby adopts the following revised Agenda for the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA as approved by the PMC on February 16, 2021, with all other resolutions submitted by members of the MNLA being tabled until the next sitting of the MNLA:

**DAY ONE – February 20, 2021:**

- Grand Entry:
  - Opening Prayer
  - Métis National Anthem
  - O Canada
- Greetings
  - Carolyn Bennett, Minister, Crown-Indigenous Relations, Government of Canada
  - Chief Wayne Semaganis, Little Pine First Nation
  - Don McMorris, Government Relations, Government of Saskatchewan
- State of the Nation
- Report on MN-S' Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic
- Roll Call (of Registered Delegates): MNLA Clerk Richard Quintal
- MNLA Motions:
  - Adoption of the Minute Taker
  - Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  - Order of the Day - Adoption of the Agenda
  - Adoption of Dumont's Scouts
  - Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
- Reading of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes:
  - Adoption of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes
- Ratification of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election – May 29, 2021
- Appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer – Gwen LaFond
- Chief Executive Officer's Report – Richard Quintal, CEO
- Motions and Resolutions Brought Forward from the PMC
  - Proposed Amendments to *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*
  - Proposed Amendments to the *Métis Nation Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999*
  - Ratification of Ministerial Appointments
  - Approval of the MN-S' Response to UNDRIP Federal Legislation

**DAY TWO – February 21, 2021:**

- Opening Prayer – Elder Max Morin
- Roll Call – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Legal Update – Tom Isaac, Partner, Cassels Brock and Blackwell, LLP

- UNDRIP Panel Presentation – Riva Farrell Racette, Moderator:
  - Gerald Morin, Vice President and Minister of Justice
  - Marilyn Poitras, Indigenous Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan
  - Emilie Lahaie, Cassels Brock and Blackwell, LLP
- Video Presentation: Importance of Métis Citizenship, Identity and Familial Connections:
  - Kurtis Boyer, Faculty, University of Saskatchewan
- Motions to Accept Reports:
  - Executive
  - Regional
  - Ministerial
  - Affiliates
- Budget:
  - Motion to Accept 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements
  - Appointment of Auditor for 2020-2021
- Conclusion.

**Point of Order**

The Speaker reminded Delegates of the rules and procedures of the MNLA, and reiterated that any comments must be directed to the Speaker and must relate to the Agenda item at hand.

**Amendment to the Main Motion:**

**It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Gerald Morin)**

That the order of the Agenda be amended to consider “Proposed Amendments to Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007” and “Proposed Amendments to the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999”, immediately after “Adoption of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes”.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-03)**

*58 Delegates voted in favour*

*14 Delegates voted in opposition*

*2 Delegates abstained from the vote*

The Speaker noted that a number of Delegates (as confirmed during Roll Call) who did not vote, could be reflected as abstentions.

**Amendment to the Main Motion:**

**It was MOVED (Viola Bell) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)**

That the order of the Agenda be further amended to consider “Budget” matters as the last item prior to adjourning on Day 1.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-04)**

*48 Delegates voted in favour*

*25 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

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

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

**DEFEATED**

*38 Delegates voted in favour*

*27 Delegates voted in opposition*

*4 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

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

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-05)**

*58 Delegates voted in favour*

*6 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

**Point of Order**

The Speaker reported that due to material technological issues, some voting Delegates were unable to access the electronic voting system, during the vote on approving the Agenda as amended. As this affected the outcome of the resolution, the Speaker ruled that the question would be called again on the vote to approve the Agenda as amended.

**2.3 Order of the Day—Adoption of the Agenda (Re-Voted Due to Earlier Technological Issues)**

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

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

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-06)**

*53 Delegates voted in favour*

*24 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**2.4 Adoption of Dumont's Scouts (Presented as #02-2021-04)**

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

**WHEREAS** Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* ("the Act") as amended, directs the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint Dumont's Scouts as defined by Article 2.7 of the Act to maintain order and procedure during the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA); and

**WHEREAS** the PMC on December 3, 2020, resolved that the MNLA would be held virtually on February 20 and 21, 2021;

**WHEREAS** the PMC resolved on January 19, 2021, that Wade Daigneault, Felix Merasty, and Josie Searson, be appointed to act as Dumont's Scouts to maintain order and procedure during the February 20 and 21, 2021, virtual MNLA;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA hereby adopts the PMC's December 3, 2020, appointments of Wade Daigneault, Felix Merasty, and Josie Searson, to act as Dumont's Scouts within the meaning of Article 2.7 of the Act, to maintain order and procedure during the February 20 and 21, 2021, virtual MNLA.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-07)**

*67 Delegates voted in favour*

*9 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**2.5 Adoption of New / Dissolved Locals**

The Clerk of the MNLA confirmed that there were no new or dissolved Locals to consider.

**3. READING OF THE NOVEMBER 2019 MNLA MINUTES**

The Clerk of the MNLA read aloud the resolutions indicated in the November 23, 2019 Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

**3.1 Adoption of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes (Presented as #02-2021-05)**

**It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) hereby adopts the Minutes from the November 23, 2019, MNLA, as presented this day on February 20, 2021.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-08)**

*68 Delegates voted in favour*

*8 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**4. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE PMC**

**4.1 Proposed Amendments to *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007* (Presented as #02-2021-08)**

During discussion on citizenship registration, it was noted that citizenship applications and approvals had increased substantially over the past year, despite challenges faced through the COVID-19 pandemic.

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) has adopted the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007* ("the Act") to provide for a process of conducting the election of Executive Members and Regional Representatives to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

**WHEREAS** it is necessary and expedient to amend the said Act to provide for the MNLA to fix the date of the election, to require persons who wish to vote or run for election to be registered Métis citizens, to provide protection for voters lists and voter information, and to extend the hours for voting to increase accessibility for Métis citizens to vote;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA adopt the proposed amendments to the Act, which are dated December 11, 2020, and are set out in the attached "Schedule A".

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-09)**

*52 Delegates voted in favour*

*28 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

During continued discussion, it was requested that the requirement to produce a health card or Voter's Oath/Affirmation be stated in the list of amendments ("Schedule A") to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*.

**It was MOVED (Viola Bell) and SECONDED (Denny Brooks)**

That the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) directs that the following items be stated in the list of amendments ("Schedule A") to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*, adopted by the MNLA on February 20, 2021 (Resolution #MNLA210220-09):

- A requirement to produce a valid Saskatchewan Health Card at the time of voting, in addition to proof of registration as a Métis citizen or a letter from the Registrar of the Registry stating the application is pending and likely eligible; and
- To retain the Voters Oath/Affirmation in the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

*36 Delegates voted in favour*

*41 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

#### **Point of Order**

The Speaker ruled that as conduct in the videoconference chat room was deemed to be out of order, it would be closed down for the remainder of the MNLA.

#### **4.2 Amendments to *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act 1999* (Presented as #02-2021-09)**

During discussion, the following additional revisions to the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act 1999* were proposed for consideration:

1. Article 4.6: strike the portion that states "including oral testimony from a Métis Elder reduced to writing."
2. Under Article 6, add a section to state "The Registry shall be maintained separate from the political structure of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan"
3. Under Article 8, change provision 8.1.15. to state "shall deliver an annual report to the Provincial Métis Council, to be submitted to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), through the Clerk of the MNLA, within 60 days following the end of each calendar year."

The Speaker confirmed that the Mover and the Seconder had accepted the proposed revisions as friendly amendments to the original motion, and as such they would be incorporated accordingly.

**It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) has adopted the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999* ("the Act") to provide for a process of registering eligible persons as Métis citizens;

**WHEREAS** it is necessary and expedient to amend the said *Act* to more accurately reflect the actual registration process, to protect the privacy rights of Métis citizens, and to preserve and enhance the Registry and in so doing to link the definition of Métis to the definition contained in the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*, rather than to membership in a Local, and to provide for appeals to be made to the MNLA;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA adopt the proposed amendments to the *Act*, which are dated December 11, 2020, and are set out in the attached "Schedule A".

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-10)**

*52 Delegates voted in favour*

*28 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**5. RATIFICATION OF THE MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN ELECTION** *(Presented as #02-2021-06)*

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)**

**WHEREAS** Article 8.2 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* requires elections for the Executive and Regional Representatives to be held within four years of the previous election;

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) resolved at its duly convened meeting on December 3, 2020, to recommend to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) that May 29, 2021, be fixed as Election Day for the election of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the MN-S;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA ratifies the recommendation of the PMC and hereby fixes May 29, 2021, as the date for the 2021 Election of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the MN-S.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-11)**

*71 Delegates voted in favour*

*9 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

**6. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER – GWEN LAFOND** *(Presented as #02-2021-07)*

Delegates were advised that the PMC recommended the appointment of Gwen LaFond as Chief Electoral Officer for the 2021 MN-S Elections, based on her expertise in elections across Saskatchewan and her involvement in the 2017 MN-S Election process.

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

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 92(1) of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007* ("the *Act*"), a Chief Electoral Officer is appointed by resolution of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) to administer elections under the *Act*;

**WHEREAS** section 93 of the *Act* confers broad administrative powers upon the Chief Electoral Officer to carry out the duties of the office of Chief Electoral Officer;

**WHEREAS** section 94 of the *Act*, confers upon the Chief Electoral Officer the discretionary authority to delegate, in writing, generally or specifically, any of his or her powers or duties;

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) resolved on December 3, 2020, to recommend to the MNLA the appointment of Gwen LaFond to the office of Chief Electoral Officer within the meaning of the *Act*, and that she exercise such administrative powers as are required to fulfill the duties of the office of Chief Electoral Officer;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA hereby appoints Gwen LaFond as Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to section 92(1) of the *Act*, to exercise all administrative and discretionary powers necessary to fulfill the duties of the office of Chief Electoral Officer as contemplated by the *Act*.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-12)**

*63 Delegates voted in favour*

*17 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**7. REPORT ON MN-S' RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

Minister Friesen reviewed the MN-S' response to the Coronavirus pandemic, which included updates on funding supports and distribution, programs to support Métis citizens in need of medical transportation and accommodation, and a summary of COVID-19 cases across Saskatchewan.

The Minister acknowledged lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged Delegates to continue to adhere to provincial safety measures. She assured that MN-S' Health Department was actively participating in vaccine rollout preparations at the provincial and federal levels, to ensure that Métis citizens were included and prioritized for vaccines across the province.

**Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

**8. BUDGET**

**8.1 Motion to Accept 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements (Presented as #02-2021-12)**

Earl Cook, Minister of Finance, acknowledged funding received by the MN-S in recent years, which allowed for the development of programs and services offered to MN-S citizens (e.g. PSE, ELCC, housing, etc.). He commended the MN-S' continued growth and noted that the funding received would expand the government's organizational capacity to serve Métis citizens' needs across Saskatchewan.

Brian Heinrichs, Virtus Group LLP, reviewed the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements included with the Agenda (see attached "List of Information Items").

During discussion, it was noted that COVID-19 funding allowed each Region the option to lease a vehicle for obtaining and delivering COVID-19 supplies. Additionally, the MN-S purchased one vehicle as a more cost-effective means for the President to travel throughout the province.

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Linda Sopp)**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) approved the draft annual financial statement for the financial year 2020 as presented to the PMC on December 11, 2020, comprising:

- a. The Financial Position of the MN-S as of March 31, 2020;
- b. The Statement of Operations for the year ending March 31, 2020, along with the notes appended thereto; and
- c. The Cash Flow Statement for the year ending March 31, 2020.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly hereby accepts the draft annual financial statements for the financial year 2020, dated March 31, 2020, as approved by the PMC on December 11, 2020, comprising:

- a. The Financial Position of the MN-S as of March 31, 2020;
- b. The Statement of Operations for the year ending March 31, 2020, along with the notes appended thereto; and
- c. The Cash Flow Statement for the year ending March 31, 2020.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-13)**

*62 Delegates voted in favour*

*Viola Bell and 11 other Delegates voted in opposition*

*2 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**8.2 Motion to Appoint the Auditor for 2020-2021 (Presented as #02-2021-13)**

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at its duly convened meeting held December 11, 2020, appointed Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the auditors of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Secretariat Inc. for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021;

**WHEREAS** the PMC has recommended the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) adopt the aforementioned appointment;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA hereby adopts the appointment of Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the auditors of MN-S Secretariat Inc. for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-14)**

*67 Delegates voted in favour*

*9 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Linda Sopp)**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now be adjourned and set the time to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2021.

**CARRIED (MNLA210220-15)**

*66 Delegates voted in favour*

*2 Delegates voted in opposition*

*4 Delegates abstained from the vote*

The MNLA adjourned on Day 1 - February 20, 2021 at approximately 5:00 p.m. Elder Norman Fleury offered a Closing Prayer.

## **DAY 2 – FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER**

Day 2 of the MNLA was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with an Opening Prayer provided by Elder Max Morin.

### **ROLL CALL**

The Clerk of the MNLA read aloud the names of registered voting Delegates and confirmed a total of 77 Delegates in attendance. It was declared that a quorum of 75 Delegates was achieved.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA – FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

### **9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

MN-S CEO Richard Quintal referred to the CEO Report included with the Agenda (see attached "List of Information Items"). During a review of the programs offered by the MN-S, the CEO acknowledged various services available to provide support and ensure a bright future for Métis families, including:

- Health care services
- First Time Home Buyers Program
- COVID-19 relief supports
- Early Language and Childcare Michif and Dene language programs
- Post-secondary education supports
- Cultural programming such as Back to Batoche and the new "*Paykiiwikay*" podcast.

As the MN-S continued to advance towards self-government, its elected officials were becoming increasingly engaged and informed in their full-time positions as Ministers and Area Directors. As such, they were being salaried in a manner reflective of the Saskatchewan provincial government's salary scale structure.

During ensuing discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Capacity funding required to strengthen self-government at the provincial, regional and community levels
- Pride in MN-S' accomplishments, reflected in the increased number of registered citizens
- The understanding that elected full-time Ministers and Area Directors did not maintain additional employment during their terms
- Publishing the salary structure of MN-S' elected officials on the MN-S website
- Funding through an interim Fiscal Financing Agreement (IFFA) to support organizational capacity to strengthen self-government
- A PMC resolution, making the adjusted salary scale retroactive to April 1, 2020.

The Speaker confirmed that 79 voting Delegates were present at the MNLA and that at least 40 votes in the affirmative were required for most resolutions to pass.

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly hereby accepts the Chief Executive Officer's report as presented this day of February 21, 2021.

**CARRIED (MNLA210221-01)**

*62 Delegates voted in favour*

*12 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**4. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PMC (Continued)**

**4.3 Ratification of Ministerial Appointments (Presented as #02-2021-10)**

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** on July 27, 2020, the President directed that the Ministerial portfolios be reassigned effective the same date, until such time as the PMC confirm its approval of the same at its next duly held meeting - to be ratified at the next MNLA;

**WHEREAS** the PMC confirmed its approval of the Ministerial portfolio reassignments and Ministerial appointments as directed by President Glen McCallum on July 27, 2020, at its duly held meeting on December 3, 2020;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA hereby ratifies the PMC's approval of the following Ministerial portfolio reassignments and Ministerial appointments as directed on July 27, 2020 by President Glen McCallum:

- Child and Family Services - Minister Penny Hurton
- Economic Development and Tourism - Minister Leonard Montgrand
- Education and Early Learning - Minister Earl Cook
- Environment - Minister Mervin "Tex" Bouvier
- Finance - Minister Earl Cook
- Health - Minister Marg Friesen
- Housing and Infrastructure - Minister Ryan Carriere
- Inter-Nation Relations - Minister Loretta King
- Justice - Minister Gerald Morin
- Language, Culture and Heritage - Minister Sherry McLennan
- Sports and Recreation - Minister Billy Kennedy

- Veterans - Minister Loretta King
- Women and Gender Equality - Minister Tammy Mah
- Youth - Minister Jaycee Bell.

**CARRIED (MNLA210221-02)**

*56 Delegates voted in favour*

*Viola Bell and 16 other Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

### **Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

#### **10. UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UNDRIP) - PANEL**

Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel, MN-S, referenced the MN-S Preliminary Response to the UNDRIP Legislation, included in the Agenda (see attached "List of Information Items"), and introduced the panellists.

##### **Emilie Lahaie, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP**

Emilie Lahaie provided an overview of UNDRIP and the proposed federal legislation (Bill C-15) to implement UNDRIP in Canadian law. She discussed the engagement process with MN-S citizens on the proposed bill, which helped to inform the preliminary submission of the MN-S perspectives on Bill C-15. As the legislation moves through the House of Commons, MN-S will ensure that there is an opportunity to continue to provide input based on citizens' feedback.

##### **Marilyn Poitras, Indigenous Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan**

Marilyn Poitras acknowledged the Elders for their Opening Prayers and recognized the significance of starting meetings in a good way to focus on the issues that matter most to citizens and families. She noted the importance of honouring the individuals who brought us all to the space we are at today and recognized the communities, locals, regions, leadership and citizens who have supported the evolution of the MN-S government.

The principles of UNDRIP speak to self-government, accountability, and to the needs of Indigenous peoples, that must be met in order to raise happy and healthy children as future leaders of the Nation. Throughout MN-S' engagement on the proposed legislation, citizens made it clear that there was a need to identify and define what it means to be Métis and what it means to be a Nation. Clear measurements are required to monitor the National Action Plan to implement UNDRIP and ensure that the plan's commitments are upheld.

She extended appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the consultation sessions and encouraged Delegates to continue to reach out, ask questions, and engage in the process of implementing UNDRIP.

##### **Gerald Morin, Vice President and Minister of Justice**

Vice President Morin reviewed the MN-S response to the proposed UNDRIP legislation, and noted that the MN-S had relayed concerns within some short timelines and had affirmed the commitment to engage with citizens on how to move forward. Several outstanding questions were remaining, including the provincial government's involvement, the application of UNDRIP in Canadian law, and the National Action Plan implementation.

Delegates were encouraged to visit <https://metisnationsk.com/2020/12/04/implementation-of-undrip-in-canada/> for further details on UNDRIP, or to submit feedback by email to [undrip@mns.work](mailto:undrip@mns.work).

Riva Farrell Racette emphasized the importance of the Métis Nation deciding on next steps to meaningfully apply UNDRIP to its own laws. The MN-S has the opportunity to lead by example and apply UNDRIP in a way that will leave lasting impacts on the lives of Métis citizens.

Delegates were invited to provide questions and comments related to the UNDRIP legislation, which prompted feedback regarding:

- Opportunities for citizen engagement and feedback through engagement sessions and the UNDRIP website
- Potential to create an Indigenous Rights Committee with Métis, First Nations and Inuit representation, as well as Women and Youth representation, to ensure accountability to the National Action Plan
- Ensuring the legislation is presented in a way that all citizens understand and can access
- Continued engagement at the community and Local level
- Information required on how the legislation will specifically affect Métis citizen's lives
- Involving Youth in the engagement process as future leaders of the MN-S.

#### **4. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PMC (Continued)**

##### **4.4 Approval of the MN-S' Response to UNDRIP Federal Legislation (Presented as #02-2021-11)**

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

**WHEREAS** on September 29, 2020, Canada presented the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) proposed draft legislation to fully implement the *United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) into Canadian law (Draft Legislation);

**WHEREAS** the MN-S had a limited window to review, consider and respond to the Draft Legislation before its introduction into the House of Commons on December 3, 2020;

**WHEREAS** MN-S technicians submitted a preliminary response to the draft legislation on or about October 30, 2020, under the express caveat that the preliminary response was subject to the approval and direction of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and feedback obtained through citizen engagement (Preliminary Response);

**WHEREAS** the PMC approved and endorsed the preliminary response at its meeting on December 11, 2020;

**WHEREAS** the PMC further resolved to recommend to the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA that, subject to the MNLA's approval endorsement of the Preliminary Response, that a final draft Preliminary Response be submitted to Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA hereby approves and endorses the Preliminary Response as presented at this Assembly of February 20 and 21, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MNLA hereby approves of a final draft Preliminary Response being submitted to Canada as recommended by the PMC.

**CARRIED (MNLA210221-03)**

*60 Delegates voted in favour*

*10 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

The Speaker confirmed there were 81 voting Delegates present, and those who did not cast their votes would be counted as abstentions.

**11. LEGAL UPDATE - Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP**

Thomas Isaac provided an update on legal matters pertaining to the MN-S, including:

- Self-Government negotiations with Canada, under the Framework Agreement signed by MN-S with Canada in 2018
- The establishment of the MN-S Land Claims Table, the first table focussed solely on Métis land claims in Canada
- A Terms of Reference signed between the MN-S and Parks Canada in December 2020 on the co-management of Batoche
- The Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA) signed between Canada and the MN-S on June 27, 2019
- IFFA funding to support self-government implementation activities
- Negotiations on a permanent Fiscal Financing Agreement to provide steady and predictable funding for self-government
- The signing of a MOU in July 2019 to address the legacy of abuse suffered by Métis students at the Île-à-la-Crosse Boarding School
- A MOU signed with Saskatchewan on Métis Harvesting Rights, and direction from leadership to have a final agreement in place in 2021
- Litigation pursued against the Province of Saskatchewan for not upholding the Crown's Duty to Consult.

Delegates were reminded that reconciliation needed to be rooted in action, and that the MN-S remained committed to focussing on taking practical measures to move forward with self-government. Mr. Isaac expressed his honour in representing the MN-S as self-governing Indigenous peoples in Canada.

**12. IMPORTANCE OF MÉTIS CITIZENSHIP, IDENTITY AND FAMILIAL CONNECTIONS**

**Kurtis Boyer, Faculty, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan**

In a prepared video presentation, Kurtis Boyer explained that Métis identity was intrinsically connected to relationships to families, and that governance must be organized by understanding the responsibilities to the nation through the responsibility to families. He commented on the upcoming MN-S Elections in May 2021 and noted the importance of creating governance processes that ensure fair and equitable support to Métis families.

Comments were provided on the importance of the MN-S Registry and its vital role in protecting the election from voter irregularities or political interference. The video concluded by thanking the current leaders for their efforts, for the Métis Nation and families across Saskatchewan.

**13. MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS**

**Executive, Regional Representatives, Ministerial and Affiliates**

During discussion of the reports provided with the Agenda (see attached "List of Appendices"), comments were offered regarding the protocol and procedures followed in relation to the President's position on the SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) Board and subsequent involvement in the Muskwa Development Corporation.

**It was MOVED (Gerald Morin) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly hereby accepts the reports from the Ministries, Affiliates and Regions, as presented this day on February 21, 2021.

**CARRIED (MNLA210221-04)**

*52 Delegates voted in favour*

*15 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**CONCLUSION**

The Speaker confirmed that the Clerk of the MNLA would secure all data related to votes cast throughout the Assembly. The data would remain confidential and only disclosed to the Speaker or Deputy Speaker as required by law. Thanks were extended to all attendees of the Assembly for their comments and participation.

The February 20-21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly concluded with a Closing Prayer provided by Elder Max Morin.

**It was MOVED (Viola Bell) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, held February 20 and 21, 2021, now conclude.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA210221-05)**

*(Time: 1:10 p.m.)*

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**SIGNED AND CERTIFIED** as a correct record of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) held February 20-21, 2021, by the duly appointed Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

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MNLA Speaker Mike Nolin

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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 C – “Schedule A” to Resolution #02-2021-08

Appendix D – “Schedule A” to Resolution #02-2021-09

**APPENDIX A**

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*held February 20-21, 2021*

**LIST OF REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES**

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

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| <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> </ol>  | <p><b>Northern Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hanson, Marlene</li> <li>Herman, Violet</li> <li>Janvier, Donna</li> <li>Kwan, Kelly</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>Daigneault, Joe</li> <li>Durocher, Jimmy</li> <li>Kenny, Fred</li> <li>Lafleur, Euginie</li> <li>Laliberte, Patsy</li> <li>Natomagon, Mike</li> </ol>   | <p><b>Eastern Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carriere, Ryan (RR)</li> <li>Favel, Gerald</li> </ol>  |
| <p><b>Eastern Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bell, Viola</li> <li>Boughen, Kent</li> <li>Digness, Brent (RR)</li> <li>Ekert, Marilyn</li> <li>Genaille, Dianne</li> <li>Johnson, Helene</li> <li>St. Denis, Marshall</li> <li>Yip, Sheila</li> </ol> | <p><b>Eastern Region #2A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul, Wayne</li> </ol>   | <p><b>Eastern Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friesen, Marg (RR)</li> <li>Hunter, Tania</li> <li>Lagace, Linda</li> <li>Mondor, Dexter</li> <li>Nykiforuk-Racette, Trisha</li> <li>Poitra, Leebert</li> <li>Pelletier, Joe</li> <li>Rogers, Tracey</li> <li>Sopp, Linda</li> </ol> | <p><b>Western Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boyer, Warren</li> <li>Brady, Theresa</li> <li>Jodin, Sharmaine</li> <li>King, Loretta (RR)</li> <li>Lavoie, Margaret</li> <li>Ludvisksen, Debra</li> <li>Pouliot, Marjorie</li> <li>Pritchett, Melanie</li> </ol> |
| <p><b>Western Region #1A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kennedy, Billy (RR)</li> <li>Kennedy, Ralph</li> <li>Racette, Myrtle</li> <li>Ross, Dave</li> <li>Trotchie, Becky</li> </ol>   | <p><b>Western Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bannerman, Cary</li> <li>Bowering, Jade</li> <li>Debray, Candy</li> <li>Dumais, Donna</li> <li>Guillet, Victor</li> <li>Hope, Carla</li> <li>McLennan, Sherry (RR)</li> <li>Neufeldt, Wanda</li> <li>Newell, Terry</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>Unrau, Shannon</li> <li>Parenteau, Chance</li> <li>Pruden, Kathy</li> <li>Wright, Chad</li> </ol>   | <p><b>Western Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brooks, Dennis</li> <li>Fazakas, Marilyn</li> <li>Gervais, Wendy (RR)</li> <li>Hamilton, Eugene</li> <li>Holt, Byron</li> <li>Woelk, Ron</li> </ol>  |
| <p><b>Youth</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bell, Jaycee (Chair)</li> <li>Demerais, Cody</li> <li>McAuley, Edmond</li> <li>Oldershaw, Mark</li> <li>St. Denis, Brittney</li> </ol>  | <p><b>Les Filles des Madeline</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delorme, Carol</li> <li>Langan, Darlene</li> <li>Mah, Tammy (Chair)</li> <li>Swain, Deanna</li> <li>White, Brenda</li> </ol>  | <p><b>Executive</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McCallum, Glen</li> <li>Morin, Gerald</li> </ol>   |   |

## APPENDIX B

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

*held February 20 and 21, 2021*

#### LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

*The following items were provided electronically as part of the Agenda package*

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1. Authority of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  2. Proposed Agenda for the February 20-21, 2021 Virtual MNLA
  3. Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, held November 23, 2019
  4. Draft Resolution (02-2021-01): Adoption of the Minute Taker
  5. Draft Resolution (02-2021-02): Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
  6. Draft Resolution (02-2021-03): Order of the Day/Adoption of Agenda
  7. Draft Resolution (02-2021-04): Adoption of Dumont's Scouts
  8. Draft Resolution (02-2021-05): Adoption of November 2019 MNLA Minutes
  9. Draft Resolution (02-2021-06): Ratification of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election Date – May 29, 2021
  10. Draft Resolution (02-2021-07): Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer – Gwen LaFond
  11. Draft Resolution (02-2021-08): Proposed Amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Election Act 2007*
  12. Draft Resolution (02-2021-09): PMC Approved Proposed Amendments to the *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999*
  13. Draft Resolution (02-2021-10): Ratification of Ministerial Appointments
  14. Draft Resolution (02-2021-11): Approval of MN-S Response to UNDRIP Federal Legislation
  15. Draft Resolution (02-2021-12): Approval of 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements
  16. Draft Resolution (02-2021-13): Appointment of Auditor for 2020/2021
  17. Draft Resolution (02-2021-14): Dissolution of Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
  18. Draft Resolution (02-2021-15): Postpone Amendments to Constitution and Citizenship Amendments Due to COVID-19
  19. Draft Resolution (02-2021-16): Province-Wide Ballot Box Elections for Women and Youth Regional Representatives
  20. Draft Resolution (02-2021-17): Eliminate the Secretary and Treasurer as an Executive Member
  21. Draft Resolution (02-2021-18): Name Change for the Métis Women of Saskatchewan to Les Filles de Madelaine Secretariat Incorporated
  22. Draft Resolution (02-2021-19): Amendments to the *Election Act* to Remove the Requirement to be a Registered Métis Citizen to Vote in the 2021 Métis Election
  23. Draft Resolution (02-2021-20): Registration as Métis Citizens of Adopted Children
  24. Draft Resolution (02-2021-21): Timely Distribution of Documents for the MNLA
  25. Draft Resolution (02-2021-22): Establishment of Independent Office of Clerk of the MNLA
  26. Draft Resolution (02-2021-23): Proof of Citizenship to Access Supports and Resources at MN-S and Affiliates
  27. Draft Resolution (02-2021-24): Establish Committee to Review and Recommend Legislation for Métis Local Governance
  28. Draft Resolution (02-2021-25): Establish Committee to Review and Recommend Legislation for Métis Regional Governance
  29. Draft Resolution (02-2021-26): Establishing an Independent Métis Research Agency
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- 30.** Draft Resolution (02-2021-27): MN-S Communication Strategy for Métis Citizens
- 31.** Draft Resolution (02-2021-28): Political Interference by Métis National Council (MNC) in MN-S Jurisdiction
- 32.** Draft Resolution (02-2021-29): Revised Proof of Métis Citizenship for Voters
- 33.** Affiliate Report: Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI)
- 34.** Affiliate Report: Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan (MACSI)
- 35.** SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO)
- 36.** Ministerial Report: Child and Family Services
- 37.** Ministerial Report: Culture, Language and Heritage
- 38.** Ministerial Report: Education
- 39.** Ministerial Report: Early Learning and Child Care
- 40.** Ministerial Report: Environment
- 41.** Ministerial Report: Health
- 42.** Ministerial Report: Housing
- 43.** Ministerial Report: Registry
- 44.** Ministerial Report: Sports and Recreation
- 45.** Ministerial Report: Youth
- 46.** Ministerial Report: Duty to Consult
- 47.** Executive Report: President
- 48.** Executive Report: Vice President
- 49.** Executive Report: Chief Executive Officer
- 50.** Executive Report: MN-S Response to UNDRIP Legislation
- 51.** Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Audited Financial Statements 2019-2020
- 52.** *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
- 53.** *The Métis Act*
- 54.** *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*
- 55.** *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*
- 56.** *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act*

## APPENDIX C

### SCHEDULE A to RESOLUTION No. 02-2021-08 of the MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, February 20 and 21, 2021

#### Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*

| Existing   | Approved Amendments  | Explanation  |
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| <p><b>INTERPRETATION</b><br/><b>Definitions</b><br/>2. In this <i>Act</i>,<br/>“election day” means<br/>(a) the day fixed by the Chief Electoral officer in a declaration of election; or<br/>(b) in respect of a general election after 2007, the day fixed in the constitution for the holding of an election.</p>   | <p><b>INTERPRETATION</b><br/><b>Definitions</b><br/>2 In this <i>Act</i>:<br/>“election day” means the day determined in accordance with section 28;</p>   | <p>The Constitution requires an election to be held within four years of the last election but does not fix a day.</p> <p>Section 28 will provide that election day is to be set by resolution of the MNLA.</p>  |
| <p>"Métis citizen" means, as described in Article 10 of the Constitution, a person who<br/>(a) self identifies as Métis,<br/>(b) is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples,<br/>(c) is of Historic Métis Nation ancestry, and<br/>(d) is accepted by the Métis Nation;</p>   | <p>"Métis citizen" means a person who meets the criteria described in Article 10 of the Constitution and is registered in accordance with the <i>Citizenship Act</i>;</p>  | <p>The <i>Act</i> should not repeat the criteria that are contained in the Constitution. Note that a person must not only be eligible but must in fact be registered as a Métis citizen.</p>   |
| <p><b>PART II</b><br/><b>DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS</b><br/><b>Voting Rights</b><br/>Right to vote for Executive Member<br/>6. (1) Every person has a right to vote in an election for an Executive Member if, on election day, the person is<br/>(a) a Métis citizen;<br/>(b) at least 16 years of age;<br/>(c) not registered as a member of a First Nation or other group of Aboriginal peoples; and<br/>(d) a resident of Saskatchewan.</p> <p>Right to vote for Regional Representative<br/>(2) Every person has a right to vote in an election for a Regional</p> | <p><b>PART II</b><br/><b>DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS</b><br/>Voters<br/><b>Right to vote</b><br/>6. An individual who:<br/>(a) is registered as a Métis citizen under the <i>Citizenship Act</i> and has received a Métis citizenship card issued by the Registrar appointed by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to administer the Central Registry under the <i>Citizenship Act</i>; or<br/>(b) has submitted an application for registration to the Registrar appointed by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to administer the Central Registry under the <i>Citizenship Act</i> at least 60 days before the date of the election and</p> | <p>MNLA Resolution No. 11-2019-07 re Proof of Citizenship of Voters, dated November 23, 2019, amended subsection 12(2) to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote but did not specifically amend section 6, which describes who is entitled to vote. These amendments do that.</p> <p>Proof of registration as a Métis citizen is proof that a person is Métis as defined in the Constitution, so the criteria are not listed again here.</p> <p>Persons whose application for registration is pending will be entitled to vote if they provide a letter from the Registrar of the</p> |

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| <p>Representative if, on election day, the person is</p> <p>(a) a Métis citizen;</p> <p>(b) at least 16 years of age;</p> <p>(c) not registered as a member of a First Nation or other group of Aboriginal peoples; and</p> <p>(d) a resident of the Region for which the Regional Representative is a candidate.</p> | <p>has received a letter from the Registrar stating that a preliminary review indicates the person is eligible to be registered as a Métis citizen under that Act:</p> <p>is an eligible voter and entitled to vote during an election, if on election day, the person is:</p> <p>(c) at least 16 years of age;</p> <p>(d) a resident of Saskatchewan for at least six months prior to election day; and</p> <p>(e) in the case of an election for a Regional Representative, ordinarily resident in the Region.</p> | <p>Registry stating that they have a pending application and are likely eligible. Only those who have submitted an application at least 60 days prior to the election date will be eligible as this will allow the Registry the time necessary to make a preliminary review of the application and issue the required letter.</p> <p>Reference is made to being “an eligible voter” to link with subsection 12(1) which permits an eligible voter to register to vote.</p> <p>Age 16 and residence are additional criteria that must be met in addition to citizenship and must therefore also be specified.</p>     |
| <p><b>Election day</b></p> <p>28(1) Election day shall be the day fixed by the Constitution for election to the Provincial Métis Council, but if that day is a holiday, election day shall be the following day that is not a holiday.</p>  | <p><b>Election day</b></p> <p>28(1) Election day shall be the day fixed by resolution of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.</p>  | <p>The Constitution requires an election to be held within four years of the last election but does not fix a day.</p> <p>Section 28 provides that election day is to be set by resolution of the MNLA.</p>  |
| <p>None</p>   | <p>Offences Related to Voters Lists or Information</p> <p><b>Voters lists or information</b></p> <p>124.1 A person is guilty of an offence if he or she:</p> <p>(a) contravenes section 16;</p> <p>(b) fails to comply with any directions of the Chief Electoral Officer relating to the use of voters lists or voter information; or</p> <p>(c) is in breach of a confidentiality agreement relating to the use of voters lists or voter information.</p>  | <p>Section 16 of the <i>Election Act</i> prohibits the use of voters lists for any purpose other than the election but does not state that a contravention of this provision is an offence. The Complaints Officer can only investigate “offences” pursuant to section 118. The <i>Act</i> contains a long list of activities that are described as offences but contains no general provision to state that any contravention of the <i>Act</i> is an offence. It is therefore necessary to include a specific provision to make the misuse of voters lists or information an offence that can be investigated.</p> |
| <p><b>Time for voting in office of returning officer</b></p> <p>43(4) A person may vote at the office of the Regional Returning Officer only between the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm</p>   | <p><b>Time for voting in office of returning officer</b></p> <p>43(4) A person may vote at the office of the Regional Returning Officer between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p>  | <p>An extension of hours for voting will increase accessibility for citizens to vote.</p>  |

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| and 6:00 pm commencing the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before election day, and ending the 8 <sup>th</sup> day before election day, but not including Sunday. | commencing on the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before election day, and ending on the 8 <sup>th</sup> day before election day, but not including Sunday. |   |
| <b>Schedule</b><br>44(2) The polling station for an advance vote must be open from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.   | <b>Time for voting at advance vote</b><br>44(2) The polling station for an advance vote must be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.                | An extension of hours for voting will increase accessibility for citizens to vote.  |
| <b>Hours of the polling station</b><br>52(1) On election day, the polling stations shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.                           | <b>Hours of the polling station</b><br>52(1) On election day, the polling stations shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.                     | An extension of hours for voting will increase accessibility for citizens to vote.  |
| <i>[the text of Form 1 is not reproduced here because it doesn't fit into the three-column format]</i>   | <b>Form 1</b> is amended by adding after "Date of Birth Confirmed", the following:<br>" _____ Métis Registration Confirmed".                     | The resolution 11-2019-07 also calls for the Voter Declaration in Form 1 to be revised to include a section documenting the voter's proof of citizenship but does not prescribe the text. The proposed text here would be added at the end of the form, just before the signature of the election official. |

*"Schedule A" to Resolution 02-2021-08, dated December 11, 2020*

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## APPENDIX D

### SCHEDULE A to RESOLUTION No. 02-2021-09 of the MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, February 20 and 21, 2021

#### Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Amendments to the “Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999”

| Existing   | Approved Amendments   | Explanation   |
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| <b>ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION</b><br>2. In this Act:   | <b>ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION</b><br>2. In this Act:                                | <i>(Note: Only definitions that are changed are listed here. All other definitions remain with no change.)</i>  |
| 2.4. "Citizenship Appeal Board" shall mean the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Appeal Board.   | 2.4 Repealed  | 2.4 The CAB was eliminated in 2008.   |
| 2.6. "Métis" shall mean a Métis citizen as defined by the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Constitution.  | 2.6 "Métis" means a person who is Métis as defined in Article 10 of the Constitution. | 2.6 Reference is changed to be more specific.   |
| 2.7. "Métis community" shall mean the Locals as set out by the Constitution.   | 2.7 Repealed  | 2.7 and 2.8 These terms are not used in the Act and to protect the privacy rights of individuals and the integrity of the registry, Locals are no longer involved in citizenship registration.  |
| 2.8. "Métis Local" shall mean a Métis Local listed in Schedule I of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Constitution.  | 2.8 Repealed  |   |
| <b>ARTICLE THREE - COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE</b><br>3. In this Act:<br><br>3.1. The Métis Nation - Saskatchewan shall accept a person as Métis if the person can produce records denoting the person as having Métis ancestry and is accepted by a Métis community and if the person complies with the following conditions:<br><br>3.1.1. The person normally resides within the community or jurisdiction of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan; and<br><br>3.1.2. The person expressly held him/herself out to be Métis in the community or jurisdiction; | <b>ARTICLE THREE - Repealed</b>   | These requirements are included in Article 10 of the amended Constitution, which defines Métis as follows:<br><br><i>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.</i><br><br>Article 10-1.1 of the Constitution as it is proposed to be amended also requires residence in Saskatchewan:<br><br><i>1.1. A person is entitled to be registered as a citizen of the Métis Nation Saskatchewan if the person resides in Saskatchewan and can establish that he or she is Métis.</i> |

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| <p>3.2. The authorized Métis Local must make its decision impartially and in good faith.</p>  |   | <p>Locals are no longer involved in citizenship registration.</p>   |
| <p><b>ARTICLE FOUR - REGISTRATION PROCESS</b><br/> 4. In this Act:<br/> 4.1. A person who wishes to be registered as a Métis may apply to a Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Local.</p>  | <p><b>ARTICLE FOUR - REGISTRATION PROCESS</b><br/> 4.1 A person who is entitled to be registered as a citizen of the Métis Nation Saskatchewan in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 10 of the Constitution may apply to the Registrar by completing the citizenship registration application form provided by the Registrar and submitting it together with all documents and records, <del>including, where appropriate, oral history from Métis Elders reduced to writing,</del> that are necessary to establish the person's entitlement to registration as a Métis citizen.</p> | <p>4.1 Applications for registration as a citizen will be made on the completed application form provided by the Registrar and accompanied by the documents and records that support the applicant's claim to be entitled to be registered as a Métis citizen in accordance with the criteria for citizenship set out in the Constitution. Application are made to the Registrar, not the Local.</p> <p><i>Words struck out "including, where appropriate, oral history from Métis Elders reduced to writing," as a result of the amendment from the floor.</i></p> |
| <p>4.2. The Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Local President or Secretary must issue a card recognizing the person as Métis if they meet the requirements of this Act, but not before they are registered by the Registrar.</p>  | <p>4.2 Moved</p>  | <p>4.2 citizenship cards will be provided by the Registrar to the person who made the application in accordance with section 6.7.4.</p>   |
| <p>4.3. The parent or guardian of a child under 16 years of age may apply for registration on behalf of the child.</p>  | <p>4.3. The parent or guardian of a child under 16 years of age may apply for registration on behalf of the child.</p>  | <p>No change</p>  |
| <p>4.4 The guardian of a person who is under a mental or legal disability may apply for registration on behalf of the person.</p>   | <p>4.4. The guardian of a person who is under a mental or legal disability may apply for registration on behalf of the person.</p>  | <p>No change</p>  |
| <p>4.5. No person is obliged to apply for registration.</p>   | <p>4.5. No person is obliged to apply for registration.</p>   | <p>No change</p>  |
| <p>4.6. In the case of an application for registration, the applicant must provide historical and genealogical evidence, such as the records or documents of a government, church or community, including oral testimony from a Métis Elder reduced to writing, to show that the person is a descendant of a Métis.</p> | <p>4.6 Moved</p>  | <p>4.6 The requirement to provide evidence is included in proposed article 4.1 above.</p>   |

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| <p>4.7. The Registrar shall review applications for registration and shall register a person as a Métis only if:</p> <p>4.7.1. The person is entitled to be registered as a Métis pursuant to this Act and</p> <p>4.7.2. The application is properly made.</p>   | <p>4.7. The Registrar shall review applications for registration and shall register a person as a Métis only if:</p> <p>4.7.1. The person is entitled to be registered as a Métis pursuant to this Act and</p> <p>4.7.2. The application is properly made.</p>   | <p>No change</p> |
| <p><b>ARTICLE FIVE - VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY</b></p> <p>5. In this Act:</p> <p>5.1. A person who is registered as a Métis citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove him/herself from the registry.</p> <p>5.2. The Registrar shall remove a person who, by written request, declares that he or she no longer wishes to be registered as a Métis.</p> <p>5.3. A person who has removed him/herself from the registry may re-apply for registration.</p>   | <p><b>ARTICLE FIVE - VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY</b></p> <p>5. In this Act:</p> <p>5.1. A person who is registered as a Métis citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove him/herself from the registry.</p> <p>5.2. The Registrar shall remove a person who, by written request, declares that he or she no longer wishes to be registered as a Métis.</p> <p>5.3. A person who has removed him/herself from the registry may re-apply for registration.</p>   | <p>No change</p> |
| <p><b>ARTICLE SIX – CENTRAL REGISTRY</b></p> <p>6. In this Act:</p> <p>6.1. The Registrar shall maintain a uniform system for the registration of the citizens of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan.</p>   | <p><b>ARTICLE SIX – CENTRAL REGISTRY</b></p> <p>6. In this Act:</p> <p>6.1. The Registrar shall maintain a uniform system for the registration of the citizens of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan.</p>   | <p>No change</p> |
| <p>6.2. The following minimum information about a Métis citizen may be included in the Central Registry:</p> <p>6.2.1. The person's name;</p> <p>6.2.2. The person's address or place of residence;</p> <p>6.2.3. The person's date of birth;</p> <p>6.2.4. The person's marital status and the name of any spouse;</p> <p>6.2.5. The dates of any marriages;</p> <p>6.2.6. The names and dates of birth of any children of the person;</p> <p>6.2.7. The Local under which the person has applied for registration;</p> <p>6.2.8. The Mother's full name and date of birth;</p> <p>6.2.9. The Father's full name and date of birth;</p> | <p>6.2. The following minimum information about a Métis citizen may be included in the Central Registry:</p> <p>6.2.1. The person's name;</p> <p>6.2.2. The person's address or place of residence;</p> <p>6.2.3. The person's date of birth;</p> <p>6.2.4. The person's marital status and the name of any spouse;</p> <p>6.2.5. The dates of any marriages;</p> <p>6.2.6. The names and dates of birth of any children of the person;</p> <p>6.2.7. The Local under which the person has applied for registration;</p> <p>6.2.8. The Mother's full name and date of birth;</p> <p>6.2.9. The Father's full name and date of birth;</p> | <p>No change</p> |

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| 6.2.10. The other information submitted in support of the person's application for registration; and<br>6.2.11. Such genealogical information about the person as may exist.   | 6.2.10. The other information submitted in support of the person's application for registration; and<br>6.2.11. Such genealogical information about the person that may exist.   |  |
| 6.3. The Registrar may collect and register additional demographic information about Métis citizens.   | 6.3. The Registrar may collect and register additional demographic information about Métis citizens.   | No change  |
| 6.4. The Registrar shall treat the registry as confidential.   | 6.4. The Registrar shall treat the registry as confidential.   | No change  |
| 6.5. The Registrar shall cause the registry system to be kept safely by administrative, physical and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act.  | 6.5. The Registrar shall cause the registry system to be kept safely by administrative, physical and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act.  | No change  |
| 6.6. The Registrar with the consent of the Provincial Métis Council may enter into agreements with the government of a province or territory or with the government of Canada respecting the collection and exchange of information for the better functioning of the registry system but may not disclose confidential information without the consent of the registrant. | 6.6. The Registrar with the consent of the Provincial Métis Council may enter into agreements with the government of a province or territory or with the government of Canada respecting the collection and exchange of information for the better functioning of the registry system but may not disclose confidential information without the consent of the registrant. | No change  |
| 6.7. The process for registration shall be such that:  | 6.7. The process for registration shall be such that:  | No change  |
| 6.7.1. A person makes application to a Métis Local for citizenship by completing the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Application Form.   | 6.7.1 Moved  | 6.7.1 The application form is referred to in article 4.1.                          |
| 6.7.2. The President of the Métis Local submits the Citizenship Application Form to the Registrar for consideration and entry into the Registry.   | 6.7.2 Repealed   | 6.7.2 Locals do not submit applications.   |
| 6.7.3. The Registrar rejects or registers the person into the Registry and notifies the Métis Local President in writing of the decision.  | 6.7.3 Repealed   | 6.7.3 Locals are not notified of citizenship decisions.                            |
| 6.7.4. In the event that the Registrar accepts the registration, the Registrar forwards a signed   | 6.7.4. In the event that the Registrar accepts an application for registration, the Registrar shall  | 6.7.4 provides for issuance of citizenship card by the Registrar to the applicant. |

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| standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Card to the Métis Local President or Secretary who then issues the standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Card to the person.   | forward a signed Métis Citizenship Card to the person.  |  |
| 6.7.5. The standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Cards shall be numbered consecutively following the Métis Local numbers.   | 6.7.5 Repealed  | 6.7.5 citizenship cards are not numbered by reference to the Locals.           |
| 6.7.6. Only the standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Cards shall be recognized as legitimate for the purposes of the Constitution and this Act.  | 6.7.6. Only the standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Cards shall be recognized as legitimate for the purposes of the Constitution and this Act.   | No change  |
| 6.7.7. The Provincial Métis Council will be responsible for the development of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Application Form and the standardized Citizenship Card.   | 6.7.7. Repealed   | 6.7.7 Forms are a technical requirement and will be provided by the Registrar. |
| None   | <i>6.8 The Registry shall be maintained separate from the political structure of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.</i>   | <i>6.8 was added as an amendment from the floor.</i>                           |
| <b>ARTICLE SEVEN - REGISTRY OFFICE</b><br>7. A Registry Office shall be established, based on available fiscal resources.<br>7.1. The Registry Office shall consist of:<br>7.1.1. The Registrar and<br>7.1.2. The staff of the Registry Office.  | <b>ARTICLE SEVEN - REGISTRY OFFICE</b><br>7. A Registry Office shall be established, based on available fiscal resources.<br>7.1. The Registry Office shall consist of:<br>7.1.1. The Registrar and<br>7.1.2. The staff of the Registry Office.   | No change  |
| 7.2. The Registry Office<br>7.2.1. is separate and independent from the public service of the Métis Nation but the staff of the Registry Office shall be considered to be members of the public service for the purpose of employment benefits;<br>7.2.2. Shall act impartially and in good faith in the exercise of its functions; and<br>7.2.3 [Repealed September 9, 2008.] | 7.2. The Registry Office<br>7.2.1. is separate and independent from the public service of the Métis Nation but the staff of the Registry Office shall be considered to be members of the public service for the purpose of employment benefits;<br>7.2.2. Shall act impartially and in good faith in the exercise of its functions; and |  |

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| 7.2.4. Shall retain and provide copies of the standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Application Form and the standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Cards to Métis Local Presidents.   | 7.2.4. Repealed   | 7.2.4 Citizenship cards are issued by the Registrar to the person.   |
| <b>ARTICLE EIGHT - THE REGISTRAR</b><br>8. The Registrar:<br>8.1.1. [Repealed September 9, 2008.]<br>8.1.2. [Repealed September 9, 2008.]<br>8.1.3. [Repealed September 9, 2008.]<br>8.1.4. [Repealed September 9, 2008.]<br>8.1.5. Shall maintain the Central Registry.<br>8.1.6. Shall administer this Act. | <b>ARTICLE EIGHT - THE REGISTRAR</b><br>8. The Registrar:<br><br><br><br>8.1.5. Shall maintain the Central Registry.<br>8.1.6. Shall administer this Act. | No change  |
| 8.1.7. Shall accept and review applications for citizenship submitted on the standardized Citizenship Application Form by a Métis Local President and decide whether a person is entitled to be registered pursuant to this Act.  | 8.1.7. Shall accept and review applications for citizenship submitted and decide whether a person is entitled to be registered pursuant to this Act.      | 8.1.7 changes reference to citizenship application form.   |
| 8.1.8. Shall respond in writing to the Métis Local President on the decision of an application for citizenship.   | 8.1.8 Repealed  | 8.1.8 Locals are not involved in citizenship applications.   |
| 8.1.9. Shall make decisions on the voluntary removal from the registry of individuals pursuant to this Act.   | 8.1.9. Shall make decisions on the voluntary removal from the registry of individuals pursuant to this Act.   | No change  |
| 8.1.10. Shall forward Appeals to the Citizenship Appeal Board on the issue, pursuant to this Act.   | 8.1.10. Shall forward appeals to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.   | 8.1.10 Appeals about citizenship will go to the MNLA since the Citizenship Appeal Board was removed in 2008. |
| 8.1.11. Shall ensure that the relevant files are provided to the Citizenship Appeal Board in cases of appeal.   | 8.1.11 Repealed   | 8.1.11 Appeals about citizenship will go to the MNLA.  |
| 8.1.12. Shall ensure that a final report is written and filed on any appeal that comes before the Registrar or the Citizenship Appeal Board.  | 8.1.12. Repealed  | 8.1.12 Appeals about citizenship will go to the MNLA.  |
| 8.1.13. Shall manage the staff of the Registry Office.  | 8.1.13. Shall manage the staff of the Registry Office.  | No change  |

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| 8.1.14. Shall have a seal of office that may be reproduced by the Registrar in any manner and has the same effect whether it is manually applied or otherwise reproduced.   | 8.1.14. Shall have a seal of office that may be reproduced by the Registrar in any manner and has the same effect whether it is manually applied or otherwise reproduced.   | No change   |
| 8.1.15. Shall deliver an annual report to the Provincial Métis Council, to be submitted to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, through the Senate, within 60 days following the end of each calendar year.   | 8.1.15. Shall deliver an annual report to the Provincial Métis Council, to be submitted to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, through the <i>Clerk of the MNLA</i> <del>Senate</del> , within 60 days following the end of each calendar year.                  | <i>“Senate” struck out and replaced with “Clerk of the MNLA” as a result of the amendment from the floor.</i> |
| <b>ARTICLE NINE - CITIZENSHIP APPEAL BOARD</b><br>9. [Repealed September 9, 2008.]  |   |   |
| <b>ARTICLE TEN - CITIZENSHIP APPEALS</b><br>10. The process for Appeals will be such that:<br><br>10.1. The Appellant bears the burden of proof.  | <b>ARTICLE TEN - CITIZENSHIP APPEALS</b><br>10. The process for Appeals will be such that:<br><br>10.1. The Appellant bears the burden of proof.  | No change   |
| 10.2. Any person who has made application on the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Application Form to a Métis Local President and is denied registry by the Métis Local President is entitled to appeal this decision in writing to the Registrar within thirty (30) days of the President's decision.                       | 10.2 Repealed   | 10.2 Locals are not involved in citizenship registration.   |
| 10.3. Any person whose Citizenship Application Form has been forwarded by a Métis Local President to the Registrar and has been rejected in writing by the Registrar may appeal in writing to the Citizenship Appeal Board within thirty (30) days of the Registrar's decision.   | 10.3. Any person whose application for registration as a Métis citizen is rejected in writing by the Registrar may appeal in writing to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly within 30 days of the Registrar's decision and the decision of the Assembly is final. | 10.3 Appeals from decisions of the Registrar in relation to citizenship will go to the MNLA.                  |
| 10.4. Any person whose application has been rejected by the Citizenship Appeal Board may appeal in writing to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, whose decision shall be final and binding, complying with the requirements set out in the <i>Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act</i> , and shall do so within | 10.4 Repealed   | 10.4 Appeals to the MNLA will be final.   |

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| thirty (30) days of the Citizenship Appeal Board's decision.   |   |   |
| 10.5. All appeals by a person regarding rejection of registration by the Lf President or Registrar or Citizenship Appeals Board must include:  | 10.5 All appeals by a person regarding rejection of registration must include:  | 10.5 Removes reference to CAB.  |
| 10.5.1. The name and address of the person who has been rejected;  | 10.5.1. The name and address of the person who has been rejected;   | No change   |
| 10.5.2. The Local to which application was made;   | 10.5.2 Repealed   | 10.5.2 Locals are not involved in the citizenship registration process. |
| 10.5.3. The evidence submitted as proof of Métis ancestry;   | 10.5.3. The evidence submitted as proof of Métis ancestry;  | No change   |
| 10.5.4. Copies of all correspondence regarding the appeal;   | 10.5.4. Copies of all correspondence regarding the appeal;  | No change   |
| 10.5.5. The signature of the person who has been rejected; and   | 10.5.5. The signature of the person who has been rejected; and  | No change   |
| 10.5.6. The date of submission of the appeal.  | 10.5.6. The date of submission of the appeal.   | No change   |
| 10.6. Any person whose registration is being objected to shall be given a reasonable opportunity to make representation in the case at each level, and shall receive copies of all correspondence regarding the appeal.  | 10.6. Any person whose registration is being objected to shall be given a reasonable opportunity to make representation in the case at each level, and shall receive copies of all correspondence regarding the appeal. |   |
| 10.7. The decision of the Citizenship Appeal Board must be in writing, signed by the deciding members of the Citizenship Appeal Board, and forwarded to the affected parties within 14 days of the date of its decision. | 10.7. Repealed  | 10.7 the Citizenship Appeal Board no longer exists.                     |
| 10.8. The Registrar shall take whatever steps are necessary to implement the decision of the Citizenship Appeal Board.   | 10.8. The Registrar shall take whatever steps are necessary to implement the decision of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.   | 10.8 Appeal decision will come from the MNLA.                           |
| 10.9. All appeals are confidential and shall be treated as such by all involved parties.   | 10.9. All appeals are confidential and shall be treated as such by all involved parties.  | No change   |
| <b>ARTICLE ELEVEN – CHALLENGES TO PERSONS CURRENTLY REGISTERED</b><br>11. Challenges to persons registered as Métis may be made by Métis   | <b>ARTICLE ELEVEN – CHALLENGES TO PERSONS CURRENTLY REGISTERED</b><br>11. Challenges to persons registered as Métis may be made by Métis  | No change   |

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| citizens registered in the Central Registry:   | citizens registered in the Central Registry:   |   |
| 11.1. Challenges of Métis ancestry to persons currently on MNS citizenship/membership lists may be made by Métis citizens/members in writing to the Registrar. The challenge must include the full name of the person being challenged, the Local which that person is registered with, and the grounds for the challenge. The person so challenged will be notified by the Registrar in writing and shall have the right to refute that challenge by providing evidence that he/she is in fact Métis the burden of proof being the same as required for all persons applying for inclusion as Métis under this Act. | 11.1. Challenges of Métis ancestry to persons currently on MNS citizenship/membership lists may be made by Métis citizens/members in writing to the Registrar. The challenge must include the full name of the person being challenged, the Local which that person is registered with, and the grounds for the challenge. The person so challenged will be notified by the Registrar in writing and shall have the right to refute that challenge by providing evidence that he/she is in fact Métis the burden of proof being the same as required for all persons applying for inclusion as Métis under this Act. |   |
| 11.2. The written decision of the Registrar shall be forwarded by registered mail to both parties, and shall inform them of their right to appeal within thirty (30) days to the Citizenship Appeal Board.   | 11.2. The written decision of the Registrar shall be forwarded by registered mail to both parties and shall inform them of their right to appeal within 30 days to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, whose decision is final.   | 11.2 Appeals will be to the MNLA, whose decision will be final. |
| 11.3. The Citizenship Appeal Board shall provide at least two (2) weeks' notice to both parties of the appeal hearing date and then render its decision in writing by registered mail to both parties to the appeal and inform them of their right to appeal to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.   | 11.3 Repealed  | 11.3 The CAB no longer exists.                                  |
| 11.4. The decision of the Citizenship Appeal Board may be appealed by either party in writing to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, whose decision shall be final and binding. Such appeal must be registered in conformity with the <i>Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act</i> within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Citizenship Appeal Board's written decision.  | 11.4 Repealed  | 11.4 There is no Citizenship Appeal Board.                      |

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| <p><b>ARTICLE TWELVE - FINANCES</b><br/> 12. The remuneration and employment benefits of the Registrar, the staff of the Registry Office and the Citizenship Appeals Board shall be established by the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Treasury Board, based on available fiscal resources.</p>  | <p><b>ARTICLE TWELVE - FINANCES</b><br/> 12. The remuneration and employment benefits of the Registrar and the staff of the Registry Office shall be established by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Treasury Board, based on available fiscal resources.</p> | <p>Removes references to Citizenship Appeal Board.</p>  |
| <p><b>ARTICLE THIRTEEN - GRANDFATHER CLAUSE</b><br/> 13. In Grandfathering existing memberships.<br/><br/> 13.3. Those members currently listed on the Métis Nation updated Local Membership Lists shall be automatically entered into the Central Registry and receive the new standardized Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizenship Card. All Métis not currently listed on the Métis Local Membership Lists shall have to apply for registration as a Citizen of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan on the standardized Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Citizenship Application Form.</p> | <p><b>ARTICLE THIRTEEN - GRANDFATHER CLAUSE</b><br/> 13 and 13.3 Repealed</p>  | <p>Registration will occur by application to the Registrar and only on proof that the applicant is eligible to be registered as a Métis citizen in accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution</p> |

*“Schedule A” to Resolution #02-2021-09, dated December 11, 2020*

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