



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
held November 27-28, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), held November 27-28, 2021 at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Prepared by Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary.

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 27, 2021

GRAND ENTRY and CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) commenced at approximately 9:20 a.m. with a Grand Entry procession led by Métis Veterans and others, carrying the flags of Canada, the Métis Nation, and the Province of Saskatchewan.

OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered welcoming comments and an Opening Prayer.

ANTHEMS

Joe Blyan, Deputy Speaker, invited attendees to participate in singing the “Métis National Anthem” and “O Canada”.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

Glen McCallum, President, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

President McCallum welcomed attendees and acknowledged the importance of maintaining traditional Métis cultures, values and language. Appreciation was extended to Minister King for singing “O Canada” in Michif.

The President recognized members of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), MNLA Delegates and MN-S staff in attendance, and the Métis leaders of the past for standing up for self-government and self-determination. Appreciation was also extended to the Mayor of Saskatoon and representatives from the University of Saskatchewan, who were present.

During a review of some of the Métis Nation’s achievements (referenced in the “Report from the Provincial President” provided with the agenda), the President commended citizens’ renewed interest in speaking their traditional languages. Funding agreements achieved with the Government of Canada were acknowledged, which enabled results for Métis citizens that exceeded expectations, particularly in homeownership and post-secondary school attendance.

President McCallum extended gratitude to his family, the Elders, the PMC, MN-S citizens and staff for their continued support and guidance.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Senator Nora Cummings led a swearing-in ceremony for the recently elected President of the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC), Autumn LaRose-Smith, who recited the following Oath of Office (in English and Michif):

*“I am a Métis. As a Métis, I honour with pride the blood of both my mother and father;
As a Métis, I acknowledge the rich history of my people and the courage and dedication of my ancestors;
As a Métis, I pledge to preserve the spirit and the identity of my people;
As a Métis, I confirm my commitment to my community, my people, my nation;
As a Métis, I accept my responsibility to put service to my people ahead of self-interest, and to honour the spirit of the Creator and the Métis Nation.”*

PMYC President Autumn LaRose-Smith extended appreciation for the opportunities anticipated in the term ahead.

SIGNING CEREMONY - MN-S AND UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

University of Saskatchewan representatives extended gratitude for the opportunity to attend the MNLA, and recognized youth and education as essential cornerstones of reconciliation.

Representatives from the MN-S and the University of Saskatchewan participated in signing an “Agreement for Recognizing Métis Nation Citizenship”, intended to establish and initiate a process for verifying the Métis citizenship of individuals from Saskatchewan (including students, staff or researchers) who apply for the university’s equity-based opportunities, based on Métis identity.

GREETINGS

Cassidy Caron, President, Métis National Council (MNC)

MNC President Caron expressed appreciation for the opening presentations, the work achieved in communities, and the MNLA safety protocols coordinated by the MN-S Health Department.

Meetings and events since her election in September 2021 were reviewed, including five MNC Board of Governors meetings. Through ongoing collaboration with Governing Members and their Presidents, the voices from community would continue to be reflected and heard at the national level.

Recent discussions of the MNC Board of Governors were reviewed, and comments were offered on:

- A mandate to advance a renewed National Métis Veterans Strategy that will convey the voices of Métis Veterans from across the Homeland
- A Métis Youth Climate Summit in 2022, to gather guidance from young people on climate change
- A Métis delegation to the Vatican in December 2021, which would enable some Métis Elders and community members to share their experiences.

President Caron thanked Delegates for coming together to do the work required to support current and future Métis families and nations.

Charlie Clark, Mayor of Saskatoon

Mayor Clark extended thanks to the MN-S leaders for stepping up to ensure citizens were supported during the COVID-19 pandemic, commended the strength of the Métis Nation, and welcomed the newly elected President of the PMYC.

Active steps towards reconciliation were recognized, including the agreement signed between the MN-S and the University of Saskatchewan and additional efforts to address disparities in the community.

The Mayor recognized the importance of the non-Indigenous community creating space to enable Indigenous leaders to lead, and confirmed that he looked forward to working with the Métis Nation. The City of Saskatoon's response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA (MMIWG2S) Calls to Justice was referenced, including establishing an "Office of the Representative of Matriarchs for Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA People (IWG2S)" (outlined in the report titled, "IWG2S Coming Home"). An Elders Lodge was also being developed with guidance from the Métis community and Elders.

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA – NOVEMBER 27, 2021

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the Agenda was varied during the Assembly. Items are presented in these minutes in the order in which they were considered.

1. ROLL CALL OF ASSEMBLY DELEGATES / CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, acknowledged that some Delegates joined virtually while others attended in person. As such, Delegates joining virtually would vote electronically, and in-person Delegates would vote by a show of hands.

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call of registered voting Delegates, and confirmed a total of 86 Delegates in attendance. He declared that the required quorum of 75 Delegates had been achieved (see attached "List of Registered Voting Delegates").

2. APPOINTING THE SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

WHEREAS on January 19, 2021, the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at its duly convened meeting recommended and affirmed the appointment of Mike Nolin and Joe Blyan to act as Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively, for a two-year term pursuant to Article 5.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (the *Act*);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appointment by the PMC of Mike Nolan to the Office of Speaker and Joe Blyan to the Office of Deputy Speaker of the November 27-28 2021 MNLA is hereby ratified pursuant to Article 5.1 of the *Act*.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-01)

The Speaker welcomed Delegates to the MNLA and confirmed that a majority (at least 44 votes in the affirmative) was required for most resolutions to pass.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE MINUTE TAKER

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) hereby appoints Carrie Peacock as the official Minute Taker for the November 27 and 28, 2021 MNLA.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-02)

78 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

4. ORDER OF THE DAY – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Becky Trotchie) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at their duly held meeting on August 17, 2021, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the November 26, 27 and 28, 2021 MNLA would be held in person at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;

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 in 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 is hereby proposed for the MN-S MNLA to be held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC, at their duly held meeting on October 19, 2021, approved the following Agenda to be referred to the MN-S MNLA on November 26, 27 and 28, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA hereby adopts the following revised agenda for the November 27 and 28, 2021 MNLA:

DAY ONE - November 27, 2021:

- Opening of Day One
- Grand Entry:
 - Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - Métis National Anthem
 - O Canada
- State of the Nation – Glen McCallum, President
- Swearing In Ceremony – Autumn LaRose-Smith, President, Provincial Métis Youth Council
- Signing Ceremony – MN-S and University of Saskatchewan Agreement
- Greetings:
 - Cassidy Caron, President, Métis National Council
 - Chief Wayne Semaganis, Little Pine Cree Nation
 - Charlie Clark, Mayor of Saskatoon
- Roll Call of Registered Delegates - Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- MNLA Motions:
 - Adoption of the Minute Taker

- Adoption of the Order of the Day / Agenda
- Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
- Approval of the Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts
- Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
- Adoption of the February 2021 MNLA Minutes
- Motions to Accept Reports:
 - Executive Reports
 - Regional Representatives Reports
 - Ministerial Reports
 - Affiliates Reports
- Legal Update – Tom Isaac, Legal Counsel, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
- Memorial for Elder Blanche Potts
- “This is your Shot” Vaccine Contest:
 - Memorial for Métis citizens lost during COVID-19
 - Vaccine Contest Winners Announced

DAY TWO - November 28, 2021:

- Opening of Day Two
- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer – Elder Emile Janvier
- Roll Call of Registered Delegates – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Chief Executive Officer's Report – Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Resolutions
- Audited Financial Statements and Budget:
 - Resolution to Accept the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements
 - Resolution to Appoint the Auditor for 2021-2022
 - Resolution to Ratify the MN-S Operating Budget for 2021-2022
- Conclusion.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-03)

*63 Delegates voted in favour
3 Delegates voted in opposition
4 Delegates abstained from the vote*

It was MOVED (Viola Bell) and SECONDED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda for the November 26, 27 and 28, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly be amended to consider “Audited Financial Statements and Budget” during the afternoon on November 27, 2021, rather than during the afternoon on November 28, 2021.

MOTION DEFEATED

*4 Delegates voted in favour
55 Delegates voted in opposition
1 Delegate abstained from the vote.*

In response to questions raised, the Speaker confirmed that the Auditors were unavailable to attend on November 27, 2021, but would be requested to attend earlier on November 28, 2021.

5. APPROVAL OF DUMONT'S SCOUTS APPOINTMENTS

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA approves the appointments of the following individuals to be Dumont's Scouts for the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA: Wade Daigneault, Felix Merasty and Josie Searson.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-04)

66 Delegates voted in favour

2 Delegates voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the February 20-21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) hereby adopts the Minutes of the February 20-21, 2021 MNLA as presented on November 27, 2021, as if they were read into the record.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-05)

77 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 12:00 p.m. with Meal Blessings offered by Deputy Speaker Blyan and Josie Searson, and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 82 Delegates in attendance.

7. LOCALS (NEW or DISSOLVED)

7.1 Resolution to Accept Parkdale Local and Goodsoil Local

It was MOVED (Sharmaine Jodoin) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS Article 7.3 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (the Constitution)* states: "New Locals can be admitted by the Regional Councils provided this decision is ratified by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), and the requirements herein are met";

WHEREAS Article 7.2 of the *Constitution* states that "The Locals shall be made up of at least nine members"; and

WHEREAS Article 7.1 of the *Constitution* states that "The Locals shall be the basic unit of the Organization in each community";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA accepts two new locals as recommended and accepted by the Western Region 1 Regional Council, and that these Locals shall be named Parkdale Local and Goodsoil Local; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan accepts the Locals as per the *Constitution* and as accepted at the duly held MNLA on November 27 and 28, 2021.

MOTION DEFEATED

36 Delegates voted in favour

28 Delegates voted in opposition

11 Delegates abstained from the vote

7.2 Appointing a Commissioner to Review the Status of Locals

During discussion on the feasibility of appointing a Commissioner to review and examine the status of Locals in Saskatchewan, comments were offered on:

- Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of Locals through the Constitutional Reform Process
- Determining what supports and assistance Locals require to be more active for the communities and citizens they serve
- Recognizing that only a small percentage of MN-S citizens currently belong to a Local.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) directs that a Commissioner be appointed to review and examine the status of all Locals in Saskatchewan, both recognized and unrecognized, and report on the status of those Locals at the next sitting of the MNLA.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-06)

52 Delegates voted in favour

12 Delegates voted in opposition

3 Delegates abstained from the vote

8. LEGAL UPDATE

8.1 Tom Isaac, Legal Counsel, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP

Tom Isaac reviewed a presentation titled, “Legal Update – Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, which offered information and updates on matters, including:

- The Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement signed by the MN-S and Canada, which affirmed self-government rights of the Métis, in a legally-binding agreement
- July 2021 correspondence from the former Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, which advised of Canada’s commitment to negotiate an additional agreement with the MN-S that recognizes the MN-S’ status as the Métis government of the Métis in Saskatchewan
- The PMC’s decision to establish a Residential School Commission to promote education and recognition of the harms sustained by Métis survivors of residential schools
- An understanding reached between MN-S and Parks Canada with respect to the transfer and management of lands near Batoche.

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

9. RESOLUTIONS TO ACCEPT REPORTS

9.1 Reports from Regional Representatives

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Kelly Kwan)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly accept as presented, the reports to the Assembly from the Regional Representatives.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-07)

58 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

9.2 Ministerial Reports

During discussion on the Ministerial Reports, it was suggested that the Ministerial Reports be tabled for consideration on November 28, 2021, to provide time to incorporate a correction to the "Culture and Heritage Report".

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly table the Ministerial Reports for consideration on November 28, 2021.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-08)

78 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

9.3 Reports from the Affiliates

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly accept, as presented, the reports to the Assembly from the Affiliates.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-09)

74 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

9.4 Reports from the Executives

As some of the Reports from the Executives were filed late and had not yet been reviewed by the Speaker, it was suggested that they be tabled for consideration on November 28, 2021.

It was MOVED (Anne Dorian) and SECONDED (Viola Bell)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly table the reports from the Executives for consideration on November 28, 2021.

CARRIED (MNLA211127-10)

80 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

10. MEMORIAL FOR MÉTIS CITIZENS LOST DUE TO COVID-19

Elder Emile Javier offered a prayer in memory of the many Métis citizens who were recovering from or had passed away from COVID-19.

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, invited citizens to provide the names of citizens who had passed away from COVID-19 to the MN-S office, as their names would be added to a memorial urn. The MN-S had urns available to families who had lost loved ones to COVID-19.

7.2 Appointing a Commissioner to Review the Status of Locals (Continued)

Discussion continued on criteria for the appointment of the Commissioner to review the status of Locals. The Speaker welcomed Delegates to prepare a resolution for the MNLA's consideration on November 28, 2021.

11. "THIS IS YOUR SHOT" VACCINE CONTEST

Richard Quintal reported that the "This Is Your Shot" Vaccine Contest succeeded in increasing the vaccination rates amongst Métis citizens in Saskatchewan. Contest and scholarship winners were announced and congratulated (visit "MNSVaccineDraw.com" to view a complete list of prize winners). Thanks were extended to those who assisted in coordinating the contest; the Saskatchewan Health Authority for identifying communities with low vaccine rates; and the MN-S Health Department for ensuring culturally-appropriate vaccine clinics were available.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The November 27-28, 2021 MN-S MNLA adjourned on November 27, 2021, at 4:25 p.m. after confirming that the Assembly would reconvene on November 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 28, 2021

OPENING PRAYERS / CALL TO ORDER

The November 27-28, 2021 MN-S MNLA reconvened on November 28, 2021, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Elder Norman Fleury, Josie Searson, Marg Erickson, Elder Max Morin, and Elder Emile Janvier offered Opening Prayers.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 88 Delegates in attendance.

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Richard Quintal reviewed events and activities that had occurred since the prior MNLA, including:

- MN-S staff worked remotely from their homes, when the MN-S office closed during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Many citizens received their COVID-19 vaccines; to encourage citizens to get vaccinated, the MN-S launched the "This is Your Shot" campaign which offered prizes and scholarships
- The MN-S provided funding to Lighthouse North Battleford Shelter when it was facing closure
- The agreement signed by the MN-S and the University of Saskatchewan will ensure that only the Métis Nation will determine who is Métis.

Thanks were extended to Delegates for their continued confidence in the MN-S.

7.3 Selecting a Commissioner to Complete the Métis Local review

During discussion on selecting a Commissioner to lead the Métis Local review process, it was suggested that the process reflect the criteria outlined in the *Constitution of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan* and consider both active and inactive MN-S Locals.

It was MOVED (Kelvin Roy) and SECONDED (Michelle LeClair)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) direct the Minister of Justice and the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to advertise for, select and work with an independent non-partisan Commissioner to complete the Métis Local review process, in accordance with Resolution #MNLA211128-06 adopted on November 27, 2021; and report back to the MNLA at its next sitting, with consideration being given first to a person of Métis ancestry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner's report be available to be used during the Constitutional Reform Process.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-01)

66 Delegates voted in favour

8 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

13. RESOLUTIONS

13.1 Referring Consideration of Resolutions on Constitutional Reform

During discussion on the Constitutional Reform Process, comments were offered on:

- Plans to resume the Constitutional Reform workshops, which were halted due to COVID-19
- Ensuring the PMYC is included in the Constitutional Reform Process.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Adam McInnes)

WHEREAS it is appropriate to refer motions on the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) agenda related to "Constitutional Reform" to the Constitutional Reform Process for action;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA refer the following resolutions to the Constitutional Reform Process:

- Resolution #6 – "Eliminate the Secretary and Treasurer as Executive Members"
- Resolution #14 – "Establishing a Local Governance Act"
- Resolution #15 – "Establishing a Regions Governance Act"
- Resolution #16 – "Province-Wide Ballot Box Elections for Women and Youth Representatives"
- Resolution #20 – "Establishing an Office of the Clerk of the MNLA".

CARRIED (MNLA211128-02)

66 Delegates voted in favour

2 Delegates voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

13.2 Dissolution of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC)

During discussion on the proposed dissolution of the PMHC, comments were offered on transitioning MN-S affiliates (non-profit corporations) to the MN-S Secretariate Inc.

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* provides that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), on behalf of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S), possesses all voting rights, powers and duties of ownership in relation to its affiliates;

WHEREAS the MN-S, as the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., is the sole member of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC), a non-profit corporation registered under *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan);

WHEREAS the MN-S is in the process of transitioning from a non-profit corporation structure to a self-government structure, as contemplated by the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between the MN-S and Canada that was signed on June 27, 2019;

WHEREAS it is desirable that all affiliates of which MN-S is the sole member, be dissolved in order to effectively and efficiently facilitate the MN-S' transition from a non-profit corporation structure to a true government structure; and

WHEREAS the PMHC is in a process of transition from a non-profit corporation structure to a true government structure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA:

1. Directs and authorizes the members of the Provincial Métis Council, in their capacity as directors of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., to cause all necessary resolutions of the directors and members of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. to be made, to direct and authorize the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., in its capacity as the sole member of its affiliates, to approve a special resolution directing and authorizing the dissolution of the PMHC in accordance with the provisions of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan); and further
2. Directs that the aforementioned process of dissolution be administered with the guidance and support of MN-S government technicians and legal counsel.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-03)

53 Delegates voted in favour

17 Delegates voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

Health Break

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

13.3 Political Interference in MN-S Jurisdictions

Due to inconsistencies in the printed, displayed and electronic versions of the resolution presented on “Political Interference in MN-S Jurisdictions”, further consideration was postponed until consistent versions could be provided to the Assembly.

13.4 Ratification of Ministerial Appointments

During discussion on the ministerial appointments, comments were offered on:

- Mandate letters from the President, provided to each Minister outlining the roles and responsibilities of their respective appointments
- Confirming the roles and responsibilities of the Provincial Executive Committee during the Constitutional Reform Process.

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) provides that the President shall assign and recommend 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 portfolios shall be restricted to members of the MNLA;

WHEREAS President Glen McCallum made the following ministerial portfolio appointments on July 20, 2021 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

- Child Family Services - Minister Kathie Pruden Nansel
- Culture and Heritage - Minister Sherry Ann McLennan
- Economic Development - President Glen McCallum
- Early Learning Childcare and Education - Minister Tim J.W. Roussin
- Land and Environment - Vice President Michelle LeClair
- Finance - Minister Marg Friesen
- Justice - Vice President Michelle LeClair
- Health - Minister Marg Friesen
- Housing and Infrastructure - Minister Ryan Carriere
- Inter-Nation Relations - President Glen McCallum and Vice President Michelle LeClair
- Language - Minister Laura Burnouf
- Post-Secondary Education and Skills Development - Minister Leonard Montgrand
- Sports - Minister Billy Kennedy
- Tourism - Minister Brent Wilford John Digness
- Veterans - Minister Mervin “Tex” Bouvier
- Women and Gender Equity - Minister Loretta King
- Youth - Minister Autumn LaRose-Smith

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA ratifies the PMC’s approval of the Ministerial Portfolio appointments made by President Glen McCallum.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-04)

46 Delegates voted in favour

16 Delegates voted in opposition

Autumn LaRose-Smith, Michelle LeClair and 7 other Delegates abstained from the vote

14 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGET

14.1 MN-S Operating Budget for 2021-22

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, commended the Chief Financial Officer for ensuring the MN-S’ accountability and transparency before reviewing the “Draft MN-S Operating Budget for 2021-22” (see attached “List of Information Items”).

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 12:00 p.m. with a Meal Blessing offered by Senator John Woodward and reconvened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 73 Delegates in attendance.

Minister Friesen continued with the review of the “Draft MN-S Operating Budget for 2021-22”, and highlighted some key accomplishments, including:

- Streamlined operational processes (e.g. budgeting, payroll, signing-off on contracts, etc.)
- Developing and upgrading forms to improve controls and tracking of approvals
- Completion of an independent audit of the MN-S Financial Statement for 2020-21
- Significant growth in funding from the Government of Canada, and further growth expected
- Funding received in connection with COVID-19 relief measures for Métis citizens.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Terms and conditions connected with MN-S’ funding agreements
- Surplus and revenues anticipated for the fiscal year
- Support for portfolio holders in preparing their workplans and associated budgets
- Quarterly financial statements provided to the PMC, which Regional Chairs can review with their respective regions
- Posting on the MN-S website, a non-identifying salary grid for MN-S’ elected officials and staff
- Regional capacity funding for MN-S Regions
- Training modules being developed for Regions and Locals to assist in providing an understanding of the budget.

Request for Action (RFA-MNLA211128-01)

It was requested that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Finance Department prepare breakdowns of the line items included in the MN-S Operating Budget for 2021-22 for all Regions, showing how funds were spent and allocated.

The Minister of Finance welcomed Delegates to contact the Finance office with any further questions related to the budget or financial matters.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 80 Delegates in attendance.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) adheres to established financial standards and accounting policies for all funds received on behalf of the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council approved the draft operating budget for 2021-22 as presented on November 15, 2021 and has recommended it to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA ratifies the draft MN-S Operating Budget for 2021-22.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-05)

49 Delegates voted in favour

13 Delegates voted in opposition

4 Delegates abstained from the vote

14.2 Audited Financial Statements 2020-21

Jane Zaleschuck, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, reviewed the Audited Financial Statements 2020-21 provided with the Agenda (see attached “List of Information Items”).

During discussion, comments were offered on information provided in the Audited Financial Statements; and, Regions’ accountability to the MN-S and their responsibilities related to bookkeeping, reporting and auditing.

Request for Action (RFA-MNLA211128-02)

It was requested that for future Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies (MNLAs):

- *The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Financial Statements and Budget information be presented on the first day of the MNLA (if possible) in two formats:
 - o *in standard statement format (as typically presented to the MNLA); and*
 - o *in a “plain language” summary format; and that**
- *The Pre-MNLA Dialogue Forums include a session focussed on reviewing (with MN-S Finance staff) the MN-S Financial Statements and Budget information presented for consideration at the MNLA.*

Request for Action (RFA-MNLA211128-03)

It was requested that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Finance Department provide Regional Directors with a breakdown of costs by department in the “Legal and Professional Fees” section.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council, at their duly held meeting on November 15, 2021, approved the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly approves the draft audited financial statements of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2021, which includes the following:

- Statement of Financial Position;
- Statement of Operations, along with the notes appended thereto; and
- Statement of Cash Flows.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-06)

54 Delegates voted in favour

7 Delegates voted in opposition

3 Delegates abstained from the vote

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

14.3 Appointment of the Auditor for 2021-22

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

WHEREAS section 5(a) of the *Bylaws of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.*, provides that the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. be placed before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA); and

WHEREAS the MNLA has accepted the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2021, completed by Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA retain Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, to be the auditors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the fiscal year 2021-22, ending March 31, 2022.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-07)

61 Delegates voted in favour

2 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

15. MNLA Rules and Procedures

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) possesses the authority to enact rules governing its own procedures; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that the MNLA has regulations and rules in place governing the conduct of its own procedures and there are currently no such rules and regulations in place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA directs that the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan government prepare written rules and procedures governing the conduct of MNLA's to be brought back to the Assembly for approval at its next sitting.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-08)

59 Delegates voted in favour

2 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

Assembly Recessed

The Assembly recessed at 4:25 and reconvened at 4:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed that quorum was not achieved.

The Speaker declared that due to the loss of quorum, the MNLA was now recessed to the next sitting of the MNLA and that any remaining resolutions would be brought forward for consideration at that time.

ASSEMBLY RECESSED

The November 27-28, 2021 MN-S MNLA recessed on November 28, 2021, at approximately 4:45 p.m. Elder Norman Fleury extended thanks to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Delegates and others.

Closing Prayers were offered by Elder Fleury, Frank Natomagon and Josie Searson.

QUORUM CONFIRMED and ASSEMBLY RECONVENED

On June 4, 2022, the Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 80 Delegates in attendance. The November 27-28, 2021 MN-S MNLA reconvened at approximately 2:35 p.m.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Linda Sopp)

That all outstanding resolutions from the November 27-28, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), be tabled for consideration at the June 4-5, 2022 MN-S MNLA.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-09)

73 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegate voted in opposition

2 Delegate abstained from the vote

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Lisa McCallum)

That the November 27-28, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, now be adjourned.

CARRIED (MNLA211128-10)

78 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The November 27-28, 2021 MN-S MNLA adjourned on June 4, 2022 at approximately 2:45 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 27-28, 2021, by the duly appointed Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

ORIGINAL COPY SIGNED

MNLA Speaker Mike Nolan

ORIGINAL COPY SIGNED

MNLA Deputy Speaker Joe Blyan

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APPENDIX A

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

held November 27-28, 2021

LIST OF REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

RR – Denotes “Regional Representatives” | As circulated by Assembly Registration Staff and confirmed in Roll Calls

<p>Northern Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Augier, Allen Burnouf, Laura (RR) Fiss, Curtis Lafleur, Lazar Natomagon, George 	<p>Northern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hanson, Marlene Herman, Dean Janvier, Donna Kwan, Kelly Montgrand, Leonard (RR) Shewchuk, Kelly Wagenaar, Matilda 	<p>Northern Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bouvier, Mervin “Tex” (RR) Daigneault, Joe Lafleur, Euginie Laliberte, Patsy Melbouef, Robert Natomagon, Mike Roy, Kelvin 	<p>Eastern Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carriere, Ryan (RR) Favel, Gerald
<p>Eastern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bell, Viola Boughen, Kent Digness, Brent (RR) Ekert, Marilyn Genaille, Dianne Johnson, Helene St. Dennis, Marshall 	<p>Eastern Region #2A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Paul, Wayne Potyondi, Joanna 	<p>Eastern Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Friesen, Marg (RR) Legace, Linda Mondor, Dexter Poitras, Leebert Nykiforuk-Racette, Trisha Rogers, Tracey Sopp, Linda 	<p>Western Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Boyer, Warren Brady, Theresa Jodoin, Sharmaine King, Loretta (RR)
<p>Western Region #1A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kennedy, Billy (RR) Kennedy, Ralph Racette, Crystal Ross, Dave Trotchie, Becky 	<p>Western Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bannerman, Cary Bowering, Jade Chaykowski, Valerie Dubray, Candy Guillet, Victor Hope, Carla McLennan, Sherry (RR) Neufeldt, Wanda Regnier, Lynn Rondeau, Karen 	<p>Western Region #2A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Card, Barbara Ann Falcon, Barry Hurton, Penny Isbister, Shirley McInnes, Adam Omerod, Jocelyn Parenteau, Chance Pruden Nansel, Kathie (RR) Wright, Chad 	<p>Western Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brooks, Dennis Fazakas, Marilyn Friday, Tekeyla Gervais, Wendy (RR) Hamilton, Eugene Hawman, Darrell
<p>Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bell, Jaycee Larose-Smith, Autumn (President) McAuley, Edmond Menhart, Kyra Trotchie, Xander 	<p>Les Filles des Madeline</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Delorme, Carol Dorion, Anne Langan, Darlene Mah, Tammy (President) Vandale, Bonny 	<p>Provincial Executive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LaFontaine, Robert (Treasurer) LeClair, Michelle (Vice President) McCallum, Glen (President) McCallum, Lisa (Secretary) 	

APPENDIX B

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

held November 27-28, 2021

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided with the Agenda

Section 1 – Dialogue Forums:

1. November 26, 2021 Dialogue Forum Schedule
2. Information on the Dialogue Forums:
 - Constitutional Reform and Judicial Tribunal
 - Harvesting
 - Health Legislation
 - Residential School Commission

Section 2 – MNLA Agenda:

1. Agenda for the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA

Section 3 – MNLA Roll Call:

1. List of Delegates Registered to Attend the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA

Sections 4 and 5 – Resolutions:

1. Draft Resolution (11-2021-01): Adoption of the Minute Taker
2. Draft Resolution (11-2021-02): Order of the Day / Adoption of the Agenda
3. Draft Resolution (11-2021-03): Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts
4. Draft Resolution (11-2021-04): Adoption of the February 20-21, 2021 MNLA Minutes
5. Draft Resolution (11-2021-05): Recognition of New Locals
6. Draft Resolution (11-2021-06): Eliminate the Secretary and Treasurer as Executive Members
7. Draft Resolution (11-2021-07): Dissolution of Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
8. Draft Resolution (11-2021-08): Political Interference in MN-S Jurisdiction
9. Draft Resolution (11-2021-09): Ratification of Ministerial Appointments
10. Draft Resolution (11-2021-10): MN-S Operating Budget for 2021 - 2022
11. Draft Resolution (11-2021-11): Audited Financial Statements 2020 - 2021
12. Draft Resolution (11-2021-12): Appointment of Auditor for 2021 - 2022
13. Draft Resolution (11-2021-13): Proof of Citizenship to Access Supports and Resources at MN-S Affiliates
14. Draft Resolution (11-2021-14): Establishing a Local Governance Act
15. Draft Resolution (11-2021-15): Establishing a Regions Governance Act
16. Draft Resolution (11-2021-16): Province-Wide Ballot Box Elections for Women / Youth Representatives
17. Draft Resolution (11-2021-17): Providing for Grants for Economic Development
18. Draft Resolution (11-2021-18): Increased Engagement of Elected Officials in the Legislative Process
19. Draft Resolution (11-2021-19): Connecting Citizens to Locals
20. Draft Resolution (11-2021-20): Establishing an Office of the Clerk of the MNLA

Section 6 – Executive Reports:

1. Report from the Provincial Secretary
2. Report from the Provincial President

Section 8 – Ministerial Reports:

1. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Child and Family Services
2. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Culture and Heritage
3. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Duty to Consult
4. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Early Learning and Childcare
5. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Education
6. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Health
7. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Housing
8. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Justice
9. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Land and Environment
10. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Language
11. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Post-Secondary Education
12. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Provincial Citizenship Registry
13. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Sports
14. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Tourism
15. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Veterans
16. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Women and Gender Equality
17. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Youth

Section 9 – Affiliate Reports:

1. Report to the MNLA from Gabriel Dumont Institute
2. Report to the MNLA from Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan
3. Report to the MNLA from SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation

Section 10 – Audited Financial Statements and Operating Budget 2021-22:

1. Auditor's Report (Virtus Group LLP) of the MN-S Secretariat Inc.
2. Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Non-Consolidated Financial Statements to March 31, 2021
3. Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements, Year Ending March 31, 2021
4. Draft MN-S Operating Budget 2021-22 (Summary)
5. Draft MN-S Operating Budget 2021-22 (Program Spreadsheets)

Section 11 – Regional Reports:

1. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 1
2. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 2
3. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 1
4. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 2
5. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 3
6. Report to the MNLA: Western Region 1
7. Report to the MNLA: Western Region 2A
8. Report to the MNLA: Les Filles de Madeleine

Section 12 – Legislative Documents:

1. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
2. *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*
3. *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act*
4. *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*

APPENDIX C

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

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these Minutes

IWG2S	Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA
MMIWG2S	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA
MNC	Métis National Council
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMHC	Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council