



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
held June 4-5, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, held June 4-5, 2022, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary.

DAY 1 – JUNE 4, 2022

GRAND ENTRY and CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) commenced at approximately 9:15 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 an Opening Prayer.

ANTHEMS

Loretta King, Minister, Women and Gender Equality, sang the “Métis National Anthem” and “O Canada”.

GREETINGS

Aly Bear, Vice-Chief, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nation

Vice-Chief Bear recognized the benefits of Indigenous peoples working together, and the importance of establishing processes to ensure that academic and other opportunities assigned for Indigenous peoples were maintained.

Marc Arcand, Chief, Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC)

Chief Marc Arcand confirmed his commitment to working together and changing systems that were designed to destroy Indigenous peoples. Programs and services created to support Indigenous people’s wellness in Saskatchewan were reviewed, such as COVID-19 vaccine clinics and the STC Health Bus, which brought mobile health care services to citizens in their communities.

Wayne Semaganis, Chief, Little Pine First Nation

Chief Semaganis extended appreciation to the Elders for their prayers, guidance, wisdom and compassion and commended the leaders who recognized the importance of Indigenous peoples working together.

The Honourable Todd Goudy, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Melfort

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, Todd Goudy emphasized the value of unity and the mutual benefits of collaboration.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

Glen McCallum, President, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

President McCallum welcomed attendees and acknowledged the difficulties and challenges experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Appreciation was extended to the Elders for their prayers and the ongoing guidance they provided to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC).

In recent years, the MN-S had progressed. The MN-S now delivers services to support more than 22,000 MN-S citizens through programs including the First Time Home Buyers Program, the Home Repair Program, Métis Child and Family Services, and various health-focused and other programs (see attached “List of Information Items” for the update report submitted by the President).

The MN-S government continued to represent its citizens in implementing further growth, including transferring lands near the historic Batoche site to the MN-S and in renewed discussions related to the North West Saskatchewan Métis Land Claim. President McCallum extended gratitude to his family, the Elders, the PMC, MN-S citizens and staff for their support and guidance.

BUSINESS AGENDA – JUNE 4, 2022

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 REGISTERED DELEGATES / QUORUM CONFIRMED

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call of registered voting Delegates and confirmed a total of 80 Delegates in attendance (see attached “List of Registered Voting Delegates”). The Clerk of the MNLA led the meeting in a review of the electronic voting system.

2. MNLA RESOLUTIONS

2.1 Appointing the Speaker and Deputy Speaker

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden-Nansel)

WHEREAS Article 5 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 Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA); and

WHEREAS on May 27, 2022, the PMC, at its duly convened meeting, recommended and affirmed the appointment of Mike Nolin to act as Speaker and Sophia Lagimodiere as Deputy Speaker, respectively, for the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA, pursuant to Article 5.1 of the Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appointment by the PMC of Mike Nolan to the Office of Speaker and Sophia Lagimodiere to the Office of Deputy Speaker of the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA is hereby ratified pursuant to Article 5.1 of the Act.

CARRIED (MNLA220604-01)

73 Delegates voted in favour

4 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

2.2 Appointing 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 June 4-5, 2022 MNLA.

CARRIED (MNLA220604-02)

72 Delegates voted in favour

2 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

2.3 Order of the Day / Adoption of the Agenda

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on January 26, 2022, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held on June 4-5, 2022;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the June 4-5, 2022 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 June 4-5, 2022;

WHEREAS the PMC, at their duly held meeting on May 11, 2022, approved the following agenda to be referred to the MN-S MNLA on June 4-5, 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA hereby adopts the following revised agenda for the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA:

DAY ONE – June 4, 2022:

- Grand Entry:
 - o Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - o Fiddle – Dean Smith
 - o Métis National Anthem – Loretta King, Minister, Women and Gender Equality
 - o O Canada – Loretta King, Minister, Women and Gender Equality
- Greetings:
 - o Aly Bear, Vice-Chief, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
 - o Marc Arcand, Chief, Saskatoon Tribal Council
 - o Wayne Semaganis, Chief, Little Pine First Nation
 - o The Honourable Todd Goudy, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Melfort
 - o Charlie Clark, Mayor of Saskatoon
 - o Cassidy Caron, President, Métis National Council
- State of the Nation Address – Glen McCallum, President
- Roll Call of Registered Delegates / Quorum Confirmed – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- MNLA Motions:
 - o Appointing the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - o Appointing the Minute Taker

- Order of the Day / Adoption of the Agenda
- Approving the Appointment of Dumont's Scouts
- Accepting a New Local
- Adoption of the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA Minutes – Lisa McCallum, Provincial Secretary
- Legal Update – Thomas Isaac, Legal Counsel, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
- Justice Ministry Update – Michelle LeClair, Vice President
 - Commissioner for Review of Locals
 - Judicial System/Tribunal
- MN-S Treasurer Position
- Adjournment
- Closing Prayer – Elder Deborah Smith

DAY TWO – June 5, 2022:

- 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
- Financial Update – Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance
- Resolutions:
 - Tabled Resolutions from November 2021
 - New Resolutions
- Motions to Accept Reports:
 - Executive Reports
 - Regional Representatives Reports
 - Ministerial Reports
 - Affiliates Reports
- Conclusion.

CARRIED (MNLA220604-03)

*76 Delegates voted in favour
1 Delegate voted in opposition
0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

2.4 Approving the Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) 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 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) approves the appointments of the following individuals to be Dumont's Scouts for the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA: John Belanger, Adam Daigneault, Wade Daigneault, and Josie Searson.

CARRIED (MNLA220604-04)

*74 Delegates voted in favour
0 Delegates voted in opposition
0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

GREETINGS (Continued)

Charlie Clark, Mayor of Saskatoon

Mayor Charlie Clark acknowledged expanded efforts in the City of Saskatchewan to encourage the non-Indigenous community to recognize the initiatives progressing under the leadership of the MN-S. The Mayor welcomed further opportunities to work together to support the best interests of Métis citizens.

Moment of Silence

The Assembly paused for a moment of silence to reflect on the many citizens (and their families) who were struggling to recover from health and other challenges.

ROLL CALL

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

2.5 Accepting a New Local

Clarification was offered on the resolution's intent to acknowledge an existing Local.

It was MOVED (Dexter Mondor) and SECONDED (Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette)

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 one new Local as recommended and accepted by the Eastern Region 3 Regional Council, and that this Local shall be named Moosomin Local #44; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan accepts the Local as per the *Constitution*, and as accepted at the duly held MNLA on June 4-5, 2022.

CARRIED (MNLA220604-05)

71 Delegates voted in favour

4 Delegates voted in opposition

3 Delegates abstained from the vote

3. ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 27-28, 2021 MNLA MINUTES

Secretary McCallum read aloud the resolutions in the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA minutes.

Due to a loss of quorum, the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA was recessed on November 28, 2021, and needed to be adjourned before the minutes could be adopted.

Meeting Recessed

The meeting recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m. During the recess, the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA was briefly reconvened and then adjourned.

4. LEGAL UPDATE - Thomas Isaac, Legal Counsel, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP

Thomas Isaac reviewed a presentation titled, “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan: Legal Update”, and offered information and updates on matters, including:

- The Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement signed with Canada in June 2019, which committed the Crown to further negotiations, agreements and recognition
- The Manitoba Metis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement, signed by the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) and Canada in July 2021, which recognized the MMF as the government of the Manitoba Métis Community
- The Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations’ subsequent indication that Canada intended to affirm the MN-S as the Métis government of the Métis in Saskatchewan
- A Memorandum of Understanding signed by the MN-S and Saskatchewan in 2010, which was reaffirmed in 2019, to renew discussions related to Métis food harvesting rights
- The Batoche Management Agreement signed by the MN-S and Parks Canada in 2008, regarding the MN-S’ role in protecting the historic legacy of Batoche; an understanding was recently reached regarding the transfer of 27 parcels of agricultural land near Batoche
- A Residential School Commission established by the PMC in July 2019, to promote recognition of the harms sustained by Métis residential school survivors and to address inter-generational traumas sustained by their families; the MN-S met with the Office of the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations in April 2022 and anticipates continued progress.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

5. JUSTICE MINISTRY - UPDATE

This item was not considered (see attached “List of Information Items” to locate the update report submitted for the Ministry of Justice).

6. MN-S TREASURER POSITION

Secretary McCallum acknowledged Article 4.7 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*), which stated that:

“Where a vacancy is created for any reason, including death or resignation, the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall elect from the Provincial Métis Council members an interim Executive member, who shall serve until a by-election has been held and the vacancy filled”.

The Assembly discussed the feasibility of appointing a member of the PMC to the position of interim Treasurer.

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

WHEREAS the position of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Treasurer became vacant upon the resignation of the office holder on December 21, 2021;

WHEREAS Article 4.7 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (the Constitution)* requires that:

“Where a vacancy is created for any reason, including death or resignation, the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall elect from the Provincial Métis Council members an interim Executive member, who shall serve until a by-election has been held and the vacancy filled”;

WHEREAS Article 29(1) of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 (the Elections Act)* provides that where the office of an Executive Member becomes vacant, the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) shall elect from the Provincial Métis Council members an interim Executive Member;

WHEREAS Article 29(1)(b) of the *Elections Act* authorizes the MNLA to declare that the by-election of the interim Executive Member be postponed until the next general election;

WHEREAS it is desirable that the by-election be postponed until the next general election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA appoints Brent Digness to the position of Treasurer of the MN-S to be effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNLA declares that the by-election of the interim Executive Member be postponed until the next general election.

MOTION DEFEATED

32 Delegates voted in favour

35 Delegates voted in opposition

5 Delegates abstained from the vote

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Linda Sopp)

That the June 4-5, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now adjourn (on June 4, 2022, at 5:45 p.m.) and reconvene on June 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED (MNLA220604-06)

71 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegate voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The June 4-5, 2022 MN-S MNLA adjourned on June 4, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. after confirming that the Assembly would reconvene on June 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Elder Deborah Smith offered a Closing Prayer.

DAY 2 – JUNE 5, 2022

OPENING PRAYERS AND CALL TO ORDER

The June 4-5, 2022 MN-S MNLA reconvened on June 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Elder Frank Natomagon and Elder Emile Janvier offered Opening Prayers.

GREETINGS (Continued)

Cassidy Caron, President, Métis National Council (MNC)

MNC President Caron extended appreciation for the Opening Prayers, and to the MN-S leaders and citizens, for the opportunity to attend the MNLA. Collaborative efforts to rebuild the Métis Nation to support a healthy and prosperous future were commended. The Métis ancestors would be proud to see the significant progress and the MN-S' inspirational efforts and accomplishments.

The MNC President offered best wishes for the meeting's deliberations, noting that she looked forward to returning to Saskatchewan for Batoche in July 2022.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 81 delegates in attendance.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed some of the accomplishments achieved since the prior MNLA, including:

- Services and programs designed to support Métis citizens facing the impacts of COVID-19
- An Early Learning and Child Care conference held earlier in the year, which was attended by leadership from the MNC and the Government of Canada
- The journey to the Vatican by Métis citizens from across the country to meet with the Pope
- A memorandum of understanding signed with the University of Saskatchewan intended to ensure programs and employment opportunities were accessible to Métis citizens
- The First Time Home Buyer Program and the Emergency Home Repair program, which assisted almost 400 citizens during the past year
- Continued growth in the number of registered MN-S citizens (over 22,000), MN-S staff (over 175) and annual MN-S revenues (over \$100 million)
- The recently announced return of agricultural land at Batoche (1,700+ acres / 27 parcels)
- Celebrations planned during the 50th Back to Batoche festival, scheduled July 21-24, 2022.

Request for Action (RFA-MNLA220605-01)

It was requested that the results of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan May 2021 Elections be made available to Members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

8. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, and Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed a presentation titled "MNLA Briefing – MN-S Budget 2022-23" (included in the "MNLA Online Binder"), and commented on:

- The "Budget Summary Sheet 2022-23", showing the carry-forward amounts, revenues, budgeted amounts and deficits for the MN-S programs (governance, education, lands and environment, health, infrastructure, housing and miscellaneous)

- The “Budget Highlights” which included: services offered by each of the MN-S programs; an increase in budgeted revenues and expenses; MN-S salaries budgeted for the 2022-23 year; and an increased number of MN-S employees
- The chart titled “Looking Ahead”, which highlighted objectives including strengthening the financial infrastructure of the MN-S government; ensuring that Regions have capacity to support programs and services; enhancing relationships with funding agencies; and supporting the professional development of MN-S Directors, Regional Directors and staff
- The “MN-S Financial Histogram”, highlighting annual revenue growth from 2021 to 2023
- A June 14, 2022, virtual Financial Workshop scheduled to explain MN-S’ financial documents (another virtual Financial Workshop will be held near the next MNLA).

Request for Action (RFA-MNLA220605-02)

It was requested that the presentation titled “MNLA Briefing – MN-S Budget 2022-23”, and a breakdown of Métis Nation - Saskatchewan assets be made available to Members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A detailed breakdown of the MN-S program categories, to be provided in the audited financial statements at the next MNLA; requests at the prior MNLA for financial details were fulfilled
- Renewed discussions with the Government of Canada on Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding; further information will be provided when it becomes available
- The inability of a not-for-profit organization to disclose employee’s compensation information for privacy reasons; the MN-S is still transitioning to being a self-government.

Request for Action (RFA-MNLA220605-03)

It was requested that the next Métis Nation Legislative Assembly receive a salary grid for Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) employees (excluding any identifying information) with an explanation of the legislative frameworks that prohibit the MN-S from disclosing compensation information for all employees.

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

It was noted that the intent of the “Financial Update” presentation was to provide an update to the MNLA on the progress and delivery of MN-S programs. The audited financial statements will be provided for review and approval at the November 2022 MNLA.

The Minister of Finance extended appreciation to the Ministry of Finance for their support through the MN-S’ continued growth and for ensuring accountability and transparency. Delegates were welcomed to contact the Finance office with any further questions related to the budget or financial matters.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the June 4-5, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now end debate and discussion on Item 8 – Financial Update.

CARRIED (MNLA220605-01)

73 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegate voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

Point of Order

A Member of the MNLA brought forward a concern regarding an offensive comment made by another Member during the Assembly's discussions. Elders and members affirmed the importance of maintaining respectful behaviour.

Ruling of the Speaker

After deliberating with the Deputy Speaker and the Clerk of the MNLA, the Speaker ruled that Viola Bell be expelled from the Assembly Hall for the remainder of the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA, for conduct not becoming of a Member of the MNLA. Dumont's Scouts escorted her from the Assembly Hall at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 27-28, 2021 MNLA MINUTES (Continued)

It was confirmed that during a recess on June 4, 2022, the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA was reconvened and duly adjourned. The minutes were amended accordingly to reflect the adjournment.

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Lisa McCallum)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) hereby adopts the Minutes of the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA, as they were read into the record by Secretary McCallum on June 4, 2022, and as subsequently amended to indicate the meeting's "adjournment".

CARRIED (MNLA220605-02)

70 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegate voted in opposition

4 Delegates abstained from the vote

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Political Interference in MN-S Jurisdiction

The objective of the resolution presented was clarified, to reaffirm that the MN-S is the exclusive democratically elected representative government of all Métis in Saskatchewan; and to protect the MN-S from other governments' interference without interfering in Regions' ability to apply for funding from other organizations.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 78 delegates in attendance.

It was MOVED (Adam McInnes) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the exclusive representative government of all Métis in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the MN-S and Canada executed a Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA) on June 27, 2019, which among other things, affirmed the MN-S as the exclusive representative and section 35, *Constitution Act, 1982* (S.35) (the *Constitution*) government of all Métis of Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS on July 20, 2021, the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) of the MN-S passed resolutions, *inter alia*:

- a) Affirming the status of the MN-S as the exclusive representative government of all Métis in Saskatchewan;
- b) Resolving to take all measures to prevent any government action that would purport to limit MN-S' jurisdiction and inherent rights of self-determination and self-government; and
- c) Resolving to hold Canada accountable for all of the commitments set out in the MGRSA, its constitutional obligations and its common law obligations, including its obligation to uphold the honour of the Crown; and

WHEREAS on August 13, 2021, Canada reaffirmed its commitment to work with the MN-S as the exclusive representative government of the Métis in Saskatchewan, in advancing the MGRSA and Métis rights protected by section 35 of the *Constitution*; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) similarly resolve to affirm the status of the MN-S as the exclusive representative government of all Métis in Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA:

1. Affirms that the MN-S is the exclusive democratically elected representative government of all Métis in Saskatchewan mandated to advance the inherent and constitutional rights of the Métis;
2. Affirms that the MN-S shall commit to hold Canada accountable for all commitments set out in the MGRSA signed June 27, 2019, its constitutional obligations and its common law obligations, including the obligation to uphold the honour of the Crown;
3. Declares that the MN-S shall take all measures to prevent any outside government action or outside government influence purporting to limit or undermine the jurisdiction and inherent rights of self-determination and self-government of the MN-S;
4. Declares that no provincial Métis government, nor their leadership, shall be permitted to act in any official capacity in Saskatchewan without the express permission of the PMC;
5. Declares that no other Métis or Non-Status political or governmental organization or any other group or entity purporting to represent the Métis in Saskatchewan will be recognized in an official capacity in Saskatchewan without the express permission of the PMC;
6. Government-to-government funding is a key component of ensuring that distinctions-based funding of Metis citizens across Saskatchewan is subject to sound governance, oversight and accountability that form the foundation of the MN-S transition to self-government; and

7. Declares that Locals and Regions of the MN-S shall be prohibited from accepting or soliciting resources and supports from any other provincial Métis Government, Métis or Non-Status political or governmental organization, or any other group or entity purporting to act for Métis in Saskatchewan.

MOTION DEFEATED

17 Delegates voted in favour

55 Delegates voted in opposition

3 Delegates abstained from the vote

9.2 Proof of Citizenship to Access Supports and Resources at MN-S Affiliates

During discussion, comments were offered on the Registry office's efforts to contact applicants to clarify their application information. Delegates were welcomed to contact the Registrar's office to request that the MN-S' Mobile Registry visit their community.

It was MOVED (Adam McInnes) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is a government created and dedicated to serving the needs of the Métis citizens in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS there are individuals eligible to be registered as Métis citizens who have not verified their citizenship and others who claim to be Métis citizens but who do not meet the requirements of our *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) in Article 10, which is based on the national definition used by all Governing Members of the Métis National Council, "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:

- 1b) "Historic Métis Nation" means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds who resided in the historic Métis Nation Homeland
- 1c) "Historic Métis Nation Homeland" means the area of west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-breeds as they were then known
- 1d) "Métis Nation" means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the "Aboriginal" peoples of Canada: within the meaning of s.35 of the *Constitution Act 1982*
- 1e) "Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples" means distinct for culture and nationhood purposes;

WHEREAS in Saskatchewan, determining eligibility for Métis citizenship is within the exclusive purview of the MN-S;

WHEREAS the MN-S government, pursuant to that authority, established a secure and objectively verifiable registry of Métis citizens and an objective process for determining eligibility for Métis citizenship in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS a citizenship requirement is already in place for many programs and services being provided by MN-S and its affiliates; and

WHEREAS federal and provincial funding to the MN-S and its affiliates is generally allocated to meet the needs of Métis citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA:

1. Direct the MN-S government and its affiliates to require Métis citizenship to access programs and services;

2. Direct the MN-S government and its affiliates to allow access to programs and services to Métis who are eligible for registration and in the process of becoming registered; and
3. Allow for exceptions to this rule in the event of a natural disaster, community or health emergency as determined by the President of the MN-S, or by other emergency legislation that may apply.

MOTION DEFEATED

*19 Delegates voted in favour
53 Delegates voted in opposition
3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Fred Kenny)

That all outstanding resolutions from the June 4-5, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), be tabled for consideration at the next MNLA, and that the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA now conclude.

CARRIED (MNLA220605-03)

*69 Delegates voted in favour
6 Delegates voted in opposition
0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

CONCLUSION

The June 4-5, 2022 MN-S MNLA concluded on June 5, 2022, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Closing Prayers were offered by Elder Fleury, Elder Frank Natomagon and Dumont's Scout Josie Searson.

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SIGNED AND CERTIFIED as a correct record of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) held June 4-5, 2022, by the duly appointed Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

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MNLA Speaker Mike Nolan

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MNLA Deputy Speaker Sophia Lagimodiere

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 – List of Acronyms

APPENDIX A

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
held June 4-5, 2022

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"> 1. Augier, Allen 2. Burnouf, Laura (RR) 3. Fiss, Curtis 4. Lafleur, Lazar 5. Lavallee, Larry 	<p>Northern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hanson, Marlene 2. Herman, Dean 3. Herman, Violet 4. Janvier, Donna 5. Kwan, Kelly 6. Montgrand, Leonard (RR) 7. Wagenaar, Matilda 	<p>Northern Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bouvier, Mervin “Tex” (RR) 2. Couillenneur, Rylee 3. Daigneault, Joe 4. Gardiner, Louis 5. Kenny, Fred 6. Kenny, Percy 7. Lafleur, Euginie 8. Laliberte, Patsy 9. Natomagon, Mike 	<p>Eastern Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. McKay, Ferlin
<p>Eastern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bell, Viola 2. Boughen, Kent 3. Digness, Brent (RR) 4. Genaille, Dianne 5. Johnson, Helene 6. St. Dennis, Marshall 	<p>Eastern Region #2A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potyondi, Joanna 2. Roussin, Tim 	<p>Eastern Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blondeau, Ed 2. Friesen, Marg (RR) 3. Legace, Linda 4. Mondor, Dexter 5. Pelletier, Joe 6. Poitras, Leebert 7. Nykiforuk-Racette, Trisha 8. Rogers, Tracey 9. Sopp, Linda 	<p>Western Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boyer, Warren 2. Brady, Theresa 3. Jodoin, Sharmaine 4. King, Loretta (RR) 5. Lavoie, Margaret 6. Ludvikson, Debra 7. Pouliot, Margie
<p>Western Region #1A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ross, Dave 2. Trotchie, Becky 	<p>Western Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrews, Sheila 2. Bannerman, Cary 3. Bowering, Jade 4. Britten, Harvey 5. Dubray, Candy 6. Goulet, Melvina 7. Hadland, Brenda 8. Johnson, Gail 9. McLennan, Sherry (RR) 10. Martel, Joe 11. Regnier, Lynn 	<p>Western Region #2A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Card, Barbara Ann 2. Falcon, Barry 3. Fisher, Kim 4. Hurton, Penny 5. Isbister, Shirley 6. McInnes, Adam 7. Orerod, Jocelyn 8. Parenteau, Chance 9. Pruden Nansel, Kathie (RR) 	<p>Western Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brooks, Dennis 2. Drouin, Shea 3. Fazakas, Marilyn 4. Gervais, Wendy (RR) 5. Hamilton, Eugene 6. Hawman, Darrell 7. Woelk, Ron
<p>Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Favel, Rayne 2. Kuppenbender, Sydney 3. Larose-Smith, Autumn (President) 4. McLeod, Dakota 5. Winrow, Thomas 	<p>Les Filles des Madeline</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delorme, Carol 2. Dorion, Anne 3. King, Gwen 4. Mah, Tammy (President) 5. White, Brenda 	<p>Provincial Executive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LeClair, Michelle (Vice President) 2. McCallum, Glen (President) 3. McCallum, Lisa (Secretary) 	

APPENDIX B

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

held June 4-5, 2022

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided with the Online Agenda Binder

Dialogue Forums:

1. June 3, 2022, Dialogue Forum Schedule
2. Information on the Dialogue Forums:
 - Land Claims/Métis Traditional Land Use
 - Harvesting Rights
 - Métis Tribunal
 - Commission for Review of Locals

Speaker Rules:

1. Speaker Rules (Authority of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker)

MNLA Agenda:

2. Agenda for the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA

MNLA Roll Call:

1. List of Delegates Registered to Attend the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA

Resolutions:

1. Draft Resolution (06-2022-01): Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
2. Draft Resolution (06-2022-02): Appointment of the Minute Taker
3. Draft Resolution (06-2022-03): Order of the Day / Adoption of the Agenda
4. Draft Resolution (06-2022-04): Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts
5. Draft Resolution (06-2022-05): Adoption of the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA Minutes
6. Draft Resolution (06-2022-06): Recognition of New Local #44 in Eastern Region 3
7. Draft Resolution (06-2022-07): Resolution to Accept Regional Representative Reports
8. Draft Resolution (06-2022-08): Resolution to Accept the Ministerial Reports
9. Draft Resolution (06-2022-09): Resolution to Accept the Affiliates Reports
10. Draft Resolution (06-2022-10): Resolution to Accept the Executive Reports
11. Draft Resolution (06-2022-11): Political Interference in MN-S Jurisdiction
12. Draft Resolution (06-2022-12): Proof of Citizenship to Access Supports and Resources at MN-S Affiliates
13. Draft Resolution (06-2022-13): Providing for Grants for Economic Development
14. Draft Resolution (06-2022-14): Increased Engagement of Elected Officials in the Legislative Process
15. Draft Resolution (06-2022-15): Connecting Citizens to Locals

Legal Update:

1. Presentation titled, "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan: Legal Update, MNLA Spring 2022", dated June 4, 2022 presented by Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
2. Correspondence from the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations affirming Canada's commitment to working with the MN-S to advance and implement the 2019 MGRSA, dated August 13, 2021

Chief Executive Officer Report:

1. Presentation from the Chief Executive Officer

Executive Reports:

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

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 Child Care
5. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Education
6. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Environment
7. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Health
8. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Housing
9. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Inter Nation Relations
10. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Justice
11. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Language
12. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Post-Secondary Education
13. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Provincial Registry
14. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Sports
15. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Tourism
16. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Veterans
17. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Women and Gender Equality
18. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Youth

Regional Reports:

1. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 1
2. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 2
3. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 3
4. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 1
5. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 2
6. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 3
7. Report to the MNLA: Western Region 1
8. Report to the MNLA: Western Region 2A
9. Report to the MNLA: Western Region 3

Affiliate Reports:

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

Legislative Documents:

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

APPENDIX C

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

held June 4-5, 2022

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these Minutes

MGRSA	Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement
MMF	Manitoba Metis Federation
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
STC	Saskatoon Tribal Council
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples