



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
held November 19-20, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), held November 19-20, 2022, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary.

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 19, 2022

GRAND ENTRY and CALL TO ORDER

The MN-S 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 PRAYERS

Elders Norman Fleury and Emile Javier offered welcoming comments and Opening Prayers.

ANTHEMS

Loretta King, Regional Director, Western Region 1 and Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, sang the “Métis National Anthem” and “O Canada”.

GREETINGS

Jim Lemaigre, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Athabasca, Saskatchewan

Jim Lemaigre extended greetings on behalf of the Premier and the Government of Saskatchewan. He acknowledged that some Métis languages were now incorporated into to secondary school curriculum, and commended the MN-S for keeping traditions and values alive.

Wayne Semaganis, Chief, Little Pine Cree Nation

Chief Semaganis extended appreciation and best wishes to the MN-S and its President, and welcomed opportunities for Métis and First Nation relatives to work together. He referenced historical documentation, which confirmed the status of Métis people.

Autumn Laing-LaRose, President, Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC)

PMYC President Laing-LaRose recognized the importance of including Métis Youth in Métis government and confirmed that a committee (including members of the Elders Council) would be tasked with selecting Youth representatives for the PMYC.

Moment of Silence

The Assembly paused for a moment of silence in recognition of Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles des Madeleine, who passed away on November 17, 2022.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

Vice President LeClair recognized the importance of building governance to ensure the future of the nation. The MN-S continued to build on the progress and successes achieved over the past decade and was now supporting Métis citizens through services and programs, including the First Time Home Buyers Program, the Early Learning Language Program, Community Enhancement Grants and childcare subsidies.

The Vice President confirmed that the MN-S looked forward to a clearer future, where self-government was a reality, and Métis rights were valued and recognized.

BUSINESS AGENDA – NOVEMBER 19, 2022

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the Agenda was varied during the Assembly. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered and are numbered in the order presented on the approved Agenda.

1. ROLL CALL OF ASSEMBLY DELEGATES / CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 88 registered voting Delegates in attendance. He declared that the required quorum of 75 Delegates had been achieved (see attached “List of Registered Voting Delegates”).

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

2. RESOLUTIONS

2.1 Appointment of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker

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

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly 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);

WHEREAS the MN-S PMC, at their duly called meeting on August 8, 2022, approved that the 2022 Fall MNLA would be set for November 18-20, 2022; and

WHEREAS the PMC, at their duly called meeting on November 15, 2022, appointed John Lagimodiere as Speaker and Merelda Fiddler-Potter as Deputy Speaker for the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA ratify the appointments of John Lagimodiere as Speaker and Merelda Fiddler-Potter as Deputy Speaker for the MNLA on November 19-20, 2022, to be effective for this sitting only.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-01)

81 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

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.

2.2 Appointment of the Minute Taker

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) appoints Carrie Peacock as the official Minute Taker for the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-02)

82 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegate voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

2.3 Adoption of the Order of the Day / Agenda

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

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on August 8, 2022, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held November 18-20, 2022;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the November 18-20, 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 MNLA to be held on November 18-20, 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA, on November 19, 2022, hereby approves the following agenda for the November 18-20, 2022 MNLA:

DIALOGUE FORUMS - November 18, 2022

DAY ONE - November 19, 2022:

- Grand Entry:
 - o Opening Prayer
 - o Fiddler Dean Smith
 - o Métis National Anthem
 - o O Canada
- State of the Nation Address – Glen McCallum, President
- Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) Address - Autumn Laing-LaRose, President (PMYC)
- Greetings:
 - o Métis National Council
 - o Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
 - o Federal Representative
 - o Provincial Representative
- Roll Call – Registered Delegates
- Resolutions:
 - o Appointment of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - o Appointment of the Minute Taker
 - o Adoption of the Order of the Day / Agenda
 - o Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

- Acceptance of New Locals:
 - Oteepaymsoowuk Local – Western Region 3
 - Allan Local – Western Region 2A
- Adoption of Ministerial Reassignments
- Review of the June 2022 MNLA Minutes
- Presentation of Health Legislation and the “Métis Vision of Health”
- Legal Update Panel – Chris Gall, Deputy Chief of Legal (Moderator):
 - Michelle LeClair, Vice President
 - Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
- Resolution to Reject the “Saskatchewan First Act”
- Review of the Audited Financial Statements and Budget:
 - Audited Financial Statements for 2021-2022
 - Appointment of the Auditor for 2022-2023
 - Approval of the Budget for 2022-2023
- Adjournment
- Banquet and Entertainment

DAY TWO - November 20, 2022:

- Opening Prayer
- Roll Call
- Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
- Update from the Commissioner for the Review of Locals – Michael Gatin
- Resolution to Accept Reports (Executive, Regional, Ministerial and Affiliates)
- Resolutions:
 - Opposing the Ongoing Disposition of Crown Land in Saskatchewan
 - Supporting the North West Saskatchewan Métis Land Claim
 - Reaffirming the *UNDRIP Act* and Kwayshkahstahsoowin – Cree / Kwaayesh Aashtaayaahk – Michif
 - Addressing the Education Outcomes for Métis Students (K-12)
- Conclusion.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-03)

77 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, confirmed that the “Rules of the House” resolution had been removed from the agenda by the Mover and Seconder and would be considered at a future MNLA.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that during the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA, when “question was called” to end debate on a motion, the speakers remaining on the speakers’ list at that time would have an opportunity to speak, before debate would end. The Assembly would then vote on the motion on the floor.

2.4 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

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 19-20, 2022 MNLA: John Belanger, Adam Daigneault, Wade Daigneault, Felix Merasty and Josie Searson.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-04)

2.5 Acceptance of New Locals

2.5.1 Oteepaymsoowuk Local – Western Region 3

It was MOVED (Dextor Mondor) and SECONDED (Linda Sopp)

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

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

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

WHEREAS Section 8 of the preamble of the *Constitution* states that no Métis citizen in the Métis Nation shall be deprived of the right to join a Local in the community they reside; and

WHEREAS Section 16 of the preamble of the *Constitution* states that the right of Métis People to assemble and organize at the community level shall be recognized;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA accepts the Oteepaymsoowuk Local located within the City of Regina, in accordance with the *Constitution*, and as accepted at the duly held MNLA on November 19-20, 2022.

MOTION DEFEATED

18 Delegates voted in favour

63 Delegates voted in opposition

6 Delegates abstained from the vote

2.5.2 Allan Local – Western Region 2A

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Adam McInnes)

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

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

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

WHEREAS Section 8 of the preamble of the *Constitution* states that no Métis citizen in the Métis Nation shall be deprived of the right to join a Local in the community they reside;

WHEREAS Western Region 2A Regional Council has voted to recognize and accept Allan as a Local in Western Region 2A; and

WHEREAS Section 16 of the preamble of the *Constitution* states that the right of Métis People to assemble and organize at the community level shall be recognized;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA accept one new Local in the community of Allan as recommended and accepted by the Western Region 2A Regional Council and that this Local shall be named “Allan Local”.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-05)

45 Delegates voted in favour

29 Delegates voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

11:55 a.m.

The President, Allan Local, was invited to participate as a voting Delegate.

2.6 Adoption of Ministerial Reassignments

During discussion on the ministerial assignments, it was noted that the President provided mandate letters to each Minister, outlining the roles and responsibilities of their assignments.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

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; and

WHEREAS President Glen McCallum made the following ministerial portfolio reassignments on June 28, 2022:

- Culture and Heritage: Ryan Lee Carriere
- Economic Development and Tourism: Brent W.J. Digness
- Early Learning Child Care and Post-Secondary Education: Tim J.W. Roussin
- Housing and Infrastructure: Loretta King
- Women and Gender Equity: Tammy Mah

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA ratifies the PMC’s approval of the ministerial portfolio reassignments made by President Glen McCallum on June 28, 2022, as follows:

- Culture and Heritage: Ryan Lee Carriere
- Economic Development and Tourism: Brent W.J. Digness
- Early Learning Child Care and Post-Secondary Education: Tim J.W. Roussin
- Housing and Infrastructure: Loretta King.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-06)

65 Delegates voted in favour

18 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 12:00 p.m. with a Meal Blessing offered by Elder Debra Smith, and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

2.6 Adoption of Ministerial Reassignments (Continued)

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

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; and

WHEREAS President Glen McCallum made the following ministerial portfolio reassignments on June 28, 2022:

- Culture and Heritage: Ryan Lee Carriere
- Economic Development and Tourism: Brent W.J. Digness
- Early Learning Child Care and Post-Secondary Education: Tim J.W. Roussin
- Housing and Infrastructure: Loretta King
- Women and Gender Equity: Tammy Mah

WHEREAS the resolution passed by the MNLA on November 19, 2022, ratified the PMC's approval of the ministerial portfolio reassignments made by President Glen McCallum on June 28, 2022, excluding "Women and Gender Equity: Tammy Mah"; and

WHEREAS Tammy Mah held the Women and Gender Equity Portfolio from June 28, 2022, until her passing on November 17, 2022, and it is appropriate to ratify such appointment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA now ratifies the PMC's approval of the ministerial portfolio reassignments made by President Glen McCallum on June 28, 2022, including Women and Gender Equity: Tammy Mah (June 28, 2022 to November 17, 2022).

CARRIED (MNLA221119-07)

77 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegate abstained from the vote

3. REVIEW OF THE JUNE 4-5, 2022 MNLA MINUTES

Lisa McCallum, Secretary, reviewed the resolutions passed during the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA.

During discussion, updates were offered on the following "Requests for Action" (RFAs):

- RFA-MNLA220605-01: The MN-S May 2021 election results were posted on the MN-S website
- RFA-MNLA220605-02: A breakdown of the list of MN-S assets was provided with the audited financial statements
- RFA-MNLA220605-03: The Salary Grid for MN-S employees was posted in the MNLA agenda binder (excluding any identifying information in accordance with applicable legislation).

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) adopts the Minutes of the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA as presented on November 19, 2022.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-08)

76 Delegates voted in favour

6 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegate abstained from the vote

4. HEALTH LEGISLATION AND RESOLUTION

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, reviewed a presentation titled “A Métis Vision for Health”, and offered additional comments on:

- The *Canada-Métis Nation Accord*, which formalized relationships between the Métis Nation and the Government of Canada
- Métis social determinants of health, which mirror the social determinants of health acknowledged by other governments and nations in Canada
- The 14 Métis health priorities identified through surveys and public forums.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Collaboration between MN-S Ministries, to support citizens’ health and well-being
- Establishing health and wellness programs that are effective, equitably accessed by citizens, and resourced appropriately
- The April 2017 *Canada-Métis Nation Accord*, which is accessible on the MN-S website
- Asking federal government to enter into an agreement that will support and resource Métis health care (including vision care, dental care, etc.)
- An agreement reached with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, and supports and resources available to Métis citizens impacted by cancer
- Near completion of the final draft of the “Métis Vision of Health”
- The report submitted by the Ministry of Health, which outlines the Ministry’s activities since the Spring 2022 MNLA.

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

WHEREAS Métis people experience significant challenges optimizing their health and well-being, suffer disproportionately from a wide range of conditions, and have insufficient access to the supports needed to optimize Métis social determinants of health (MSDoH) to improve health outcomes;

WHEREAS addressing MSDoH will be key to closing the health gaps between Métis and other Canadians;

WHEREAS a MSDoH approach seeks to acknowledge and understand the root causes of a variety of historical, economic, social, and political inequities;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) is committed to increasing access to health services and supports and to improving the health and well-being of Métis citizens in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the “Métis Vision of Health” is a document developed collaboratively by the Governing Members (MN-S, Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation of Alberta, and Métis Nation of

Ontario) and the Métis National Council (MNC) to address the current health inequities and health priorities;

WHEREAS the “Métis Vision of Health” is based on a MSDoH approach which illuminates ways in which social, cultural and economic marginalization impacts health, and assists in setting out a path forward to improve health and well-being;

WHEREAS the “Métis Vision of Health” responds to the lived experience and community voice of Métis citizens in Saskatchewan and is grounded in community engagement centred around Métis experiences and perceptions; and

WHEREAS there are fourteen (14) priorities that were developed from robust community engagement processes with Métis communities, as follows:

Fourteen (14) Priorities Identified by Métis Communities	
1. Extended Health Benefits	8. Strengthening Métis Nation Cultural Supports and Traditional Well-being Programming
2. Mental Health and Substance Use Supports	9. Expanding Virtual Health Opportunities
3. Community Based, Long Term Care and Palliative (Hospice) Care	10. Métis Research, Needs Assessment and Evaluation
4. Building Meaningful, Collaborative Relationships	11. Building Culturally Competent Health Systems
5. Comprehensive Community Health Centres	12. Pre-Natal and Post-Natal Care
6. Increased Métis Health Human Resources	13. Culturally Relevant Sexual Health and Reproductive Care
7. Healthy Living, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	14. Climate Change impacts on Health

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) strongly supports the adoption of the “Métis Vision of Health” as a guidance document which summarizes the Métis Nation’s relationship with Canada on the Métis vision for distinction-based Indigenous health legislation to advance Métis health priorities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNLA supports the MNC entering into a 10-year Métis Nation Health Accord to support the implementation of the “Métis Vision of Health” priorities.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-09)

75 Delegates voted in favour

5 Delegates voted in opposition

4 Delegates abstained from the vote

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

5. LEGAL UPDATE PANEL

Christopher Gall, Deputy Chief of Legal, welcomed panellists Vice President LeClair and Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP, to participate in the “Legal Update Panel” discussion.

Panellists reviewed topics discussed during the November 18, 2022, Dialogue Forum on “Transitioning from Not for Profit to Government”, which prompted comments on:

- The 2019 Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA), which Government of Canada (Canada) representatives agreed to consider improvements to

- The MGRSA 2.0, which builds on the 2019 MGRSA and:
 - o Provides additional elements for the negotiation of a constitutionally protected treaty with Canada
 - o Obliges Canada to proceed with transparency, and includes law-making authorities
- Securing the commitments of the MGRSA and the MGRSA 2.0 through correspondence or legislation, to ensure the government is held accountable
- Benefits of pursuing a treaty as the ultimate tool for recognizing and protecting constitutional rights and authorities, and affirming understandings between the MN-S and Canada.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A two-year timeframe proposed to negotiate a treaty, which may need to be extended
- Including in the agreement with Canada, a clause that holds any government to account for all that is included in the agreement
- Involving Métis citizens and elected officials throughout the process.

6. REJECTION OF THE “SASKATCHEWAN FIRST ACT”

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT consideration of the resolution titled “Rejection of the *Saskatchewan First Act*”, be postponed to November 20, 2022, of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-10)

79 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

7. REVIEW OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGET

7.1 Audited Financial Statements for 2020-21

Brian Heinrichs, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, reviewed the Audited Financial Statements 2021-22 provided with the Agenda.

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, at their duly held meeting on November 14, 2022 approved the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2022;

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, 2022, which includes statements of Financial Position, Operations, and Cash Flows, and accompanying notes and schedules.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-11)

64 Delegates voted in favour

14 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

7.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2022-23

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 ending March 31, 2022, 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 2022-2023, ending March 31, 2023.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-12)

75 Delegates voted in favour

4 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

7.3 Approval of the Budget for 2022-23

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reviewed a presentation titled the “MN-S Operating Budget for 2022-23”, and offered additional comments on:

- Revenues and expenses indicated in the “Consolidated Budget 2022-23” statement
- Ministries and programs supported through funding allocated for Governance, Health, Environment, Infrastructure, Housing, and Early Learning and Childcare
- Efforts to strengthen the MN-S’ financial infrastructure, ensure Regions have the capacity to deliver programs and services, enhance relationships with funding agencies, and support the continued professional development of Program Directors, Regional Directors and staff.

During discussion, it was confirmed that detailed budget information was included in the online agenda package in the “Ministerial Reports” section. The Minister of Finance welcomed Delegates to contact the Finance office with further questions related to the budget.

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

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 budget for 2022-2023 as presented on November 19, 2022, and has recommended it to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA approves the draft MN-S Budget for 2022-2023 as presented on November 19, 2022.

CARRIED (MNLA221119-13)

63 Delegates voted in favour

15 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The November 19-20, 2022 MN-S MNLA adjourned on November 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. after confirming that the Assembly would reconvene on November 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The November 19-20, 2022 MN-S MNLA reconvened on November 20, 2022, at approximately 9:15 a.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE MÉTIS NATIONAL COUNCIL (MNC)

President Cassidy Caron extended appreciation for the opportunity to witness the work of the MN-S, and to Delegates, for participating at the MNLA on behalf of the citizens they served and for contributing to the forward movement of the Métis Nation. Thanks were extended to the Elders for their continued guidance and leading Youth into the future.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 85 Delegates in attendance.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, commented on events and activities that had occurred since the prior MNLA, including:

- 690 hectares of land at Batoche, transferred from the Government of Canada to the MN-S
- MN-S programs and services available to Métis citizens, including the First Time Home Buyers Grant, the Community Enhancement Grant and other supports
- Losses experienced by Métis people as a result of intergenerational traumas and COVID-19
- The historic apology from the Pope to residential school survivors and their families
- Working with the federal government to ensure the Métis self-government agreement will be enshrined in law
- The MN-S' continued resiliency and determination, which supported the establishment and maintenance of respectful relationships.

9. UPDATE FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE REVIEW OF LOCALS

Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of Locals, reviewed a presentation titled, "Update for the MNLA - Commission on Locals and Regions", and commented on:

- Meetings with Locals and citizens to gather input on changes to strengthen the MN-S
- The focus of the Commissioner, including to prepare a report on the structure and membership requirements of Locals, the relationship of Locals to other parts of the MN-S government structure, and potential changes required to MN-S legislation
- Over 30 meetings held to date with internal and external stakeholders, Locals and citizens
- A three-phase implementation plan, which will be presented for the Assembly to consider
- Next steps, including continued community engagements and meetings with citizens, to gather further information for the interim report.

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

10. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The report provided by the “Ministry of Housing”:
 - o Accessing the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) and other housing-related programs
 - o Efforts to promptly process ERP applications, and locate emergency repair contractors
 - o Contacting the Housing Department directly regarding unique or urgent situations
 - o Community engagements on the Greener Homes Initiative anticipated in early 2023
- The report provided by the “Ministry of Health”:
 - o The booklet titled “Your Guide to Help You Understand Cancer and Heal - *Toon Liivr chi Nishitoohtamun li Kaansayer*”, co-created by the Ministry of Health and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, as a resource tool for Métis people in Saskatchewan who were experiencing cancer (copies were available through the MN-S office)
 - o Contacting the Ministry of Health directly regarding requests for urgent health supports
- A good response rate to the June 2022 “Harvesting Survey”, sent to MN-S citizens who self-identified as “Harvesters” on their citizenship applications and opted into receiving emails
- Delivering updated information on MN-S’ programs at future MNLAs, and virtually between MNLAs upon request by Regional Councils.

Request for Action (RFA-MNLA221120-01)

It was requested that an update on “60s Scoop Survivors” be posted on the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan’s website.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly accept, as presented, the following reports: Executive, Regional, Ministerial and Affiliates.

CARRIED (MNLA221120-01)

80 Delegates voted in favour

7 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 85 Delegates in attendance.

6. RESOLUTION TO REJECT THE “SASKATCHEWAN FIRST ACT” (Continued)

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

WHEREAS the Métis people have occupied the lands that are now Saskatchewan since the 17th century, pre-dating national and provincial borders;

WHEREAS the Métis people are inextricably linked to the land and have continually drawn from the resources of these lands to sustain lives and livelihoods;

WHEREAS the inherent right of Métis people to these lands and resources is recognized and affirmed by Canada through the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has proposed a *Saskatchewan First Act* and White

Paper which have ignored in their entirety the Métis people, the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan as the representative government, and our constitutionally recognized and protected inherent rights;

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has chosen to present a narrow history which dates the rights of resources only to 1930, purposefully ignoring the centuries of occupation, ownership, rights, and the use of these resources and land by Métis people; and

WHEREAS the Métis people share a desire both to see Saskatchewan prosper and to participate fully in that prosperity with full recognition of us as among the true first Saskatchewan residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA wholly rejects the premise and content of the Government of Saskatchewan's *Saskatchewan First Act* which ignores the constitutionally-protected inherent rights of Métis as an Aboriginal people of Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNLA calls on the Government of Saskatchewan to withdraw the *Saskatchewan First Act* and to restart again, this time honouring the nation-to-nation relationship with Métis people in Saskatchewan to ensure their rights are affirmed, upheld, and honoured.

CARRIED (MNLA221120-02)

86 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

11. RESOLUTIONS

11.1 Opposing the Ongoing Disposition of Crown Land in Saskatchewan

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

WHEREAS the Métis in Saskatchewan possess a distinctive Métis identity, culture, set of values and language - inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, Youth and distinctive resources – which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council;

WHEREAS the MN-S and its Citizens maintain an integral connection to their lands, territories, and resources, which has spanned generations;

WHEREAS the MN-S is party to the “Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation” (the Framework Agreement) with Canada, which specifically contemplates addressing and resolving existing and potential Métis land claims in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the ongoing disposition of Crown Land by Saskatchewan undermines the assertion of Métis rights and land claims in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Honour of the Crown requires good faith and fair dealing in the relationship of the Crown with the Métis; and

WHEREAS governments must commit to the unfinished business concerning outstanding land entitlements of the Métis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly calls on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately halt its disposition of Crown Land in Saskatchewan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Saskatchewan, in collaboration with the MN-S, develop a progressive MN-S consultation protocol and bilateral mechanism which recognizes Métis rights and interests in Saskatchewan, in compliance with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

CARRIED (MNLA221120-03)

84 Delegates voted in favour

2 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

11.2 Supporting the North West Saskatchewan Métis Land Claim

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The history of the “North West Saskatchewan Métis Land Claim”, and the objective to negotiate a land claim agreement on behalf of Métis citizens in Saskatchewan
- The importance of tasking a negotiating team to gather information from informed knowledge holders, regions and locals.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) maintains an integral connection to the lands, territories and resources, which has spanned generations;

WHEREAS the MN-S has an interest in reclaiming and protecting the Métis homeland;

WHEREAS Canada’s past refusal to formally recognize the Métis has led to exclusion from the Comprehensive Land Claims process;

WHEREAS the process to protect the homeland resulted in litigation over what is today known as the North West Saskatchewan Land Claim (the Land Claim);

WHEREAS the MN-S and Canada signed a Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation (the Framework Agreement), which outlined the basis on which the MN-S and Canada would engage in negotiations. A key part of the Framework Agreement was the parties’ agreement that all Métis land claims would be addressed and negotiated under the Framework Agreement;

WHEREAS the process to resolve the Land Claim has been an ongoing matter for many years; and

WHEREAS the MN-S and the North West Saskatchewan Métis Council in particular, have an interest in resolving the Land Claim in an efficient manner which recognizes, once and for all, Métis rights to land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly commits to continued support of the North West Saskatchewan Métis Land Claim and recommits to the pursuit of other potential Métis land claims in Saskatchewan.

CARRIED (MNLA221120-04)

79 Delegates voted in favour

4 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

11.3 Reaffirming the *UNDRIP Act* and *Kwayskahstahsoowin (Cree)/Kwaayesh Aashtaayaahk (Michif)*

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) agree to defer consideration of the resolution “Reaffirming the *UNDRIP Act* and *Kwayskahstahsoowin (Cree) / Kwaayesh Aashtaayaahk (Michif)*” (presented at the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA as Resolution No. 11-2022-18), to the next sitting of the MNLA.

CARRIED (MNLA221120-05)

80 Delegates voted in favour

0 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

11.4 Addressing the Education Outcomes for Métis Students (K-12)

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

WHEREAS the Provincial funding toward education does not meet the demands of educators province-wide, which has led to cuts targeting classroom supports that adversely impact Métis students from achieving their goals for overall academic success;

WHEREAS the 2020-2021 Saskatchewan Education Sector Strategic Plan stated that by June 30, 2021, there would be an improvement in the three- and five-year graduation rates of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, reaching at least 65% and 75%, respectively;

WHEREAS in contrast, the Ministry of Education Annual Report 2021-2022 shows projected improvement was not realized, with the three- and five-year graduation rates of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students in June 2021 falling short at 44.7% and 61.6%, respectively; and

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education has not consulted with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) to identify opportunities for collaboration and shared planning or to gain insights and perspectives to improve cultural relevance and responsiveness to address the overall education outcomes for Métis students and people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly directs the MN-S to:

1. Urge Saskatchewan and Canada to adequately and immediately fund province-wide K-12 education work at the MN-S to reverse the disparity between projected and realized Indigenous and Métis graduation rates in the province;
2. Call on the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure the public education available to Métis students complies with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action including:
 - i. Elimination of gaps in educational achievement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians;
 - ii. Development of curricula that are culturally appropriate;
 - iii. Development of culturally appropriate early childhood education programs, specifically for Métis and First Nations families;
3. Calls on the Government of Saskatchewan to establish a bilateral process with the MN-S on all matters that may affect the education of Métis students.

CARRIED (MNLA221120-06)

77 Delegates voted in favour

1 Delegate voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Autumn Laing-LaRose)

That the November 19-20, 2022, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now conclude.

CARRIED (MNLA221120-07)

Voting results were not announced

The November 19-20, 2022 MN-S MNLA concluded on November 20, 2022, at approximately 2:25 p.m. Thanks were extended to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Delegates and others.

Elder Norman Fleury and Elder Emile Javier offered Closing Prayers.

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SIGNED AND CERTIFIED as a correct record of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held November 19-20, 2022, by the duly appointed Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

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MNLA Speaker John Lagimodiere

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MNLA Deputy Speaker Merelda Fiddler-Potter

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APPENDIX A

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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LIST OF REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

RR – Denotes “Regional Representatives” | Provided 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) Hansen, Tommy Lafleur, Lazar Lavallee, Lorna Natomagan, George 	<p>Northern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hanson, Marlene Herman, Dean Herman, Violet Janvier, Donna Kwan, Kelly Montgrand, Leonard (RR) Shewchuk, Kelly Wagenaar, Matilda 	<p>Northern Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gardiner, Louis Kenny, Fred Kenny, Percy Laliberte, Patsy Morin, Richard Natomagan, Mike 	<p>Eastern Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carriere, Ryan (RR) McKay, Ferlin
<p>Eastern Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bell, Viola Colby, Ethel-Lee Digness, Brent (RR) Genaille, Dianne St. Dennis, Marshall Vandale, Denis Yip, Sheila 	<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"> Blondeau, Ed Friesen, Marg (RR) Legace, Linda Mondor, Dexter Nykiforuk-Racette, Trisha Pelletier, Sheila Poitras, Leebert Rogers, Tracey Sopp, Linda 	<p>Western Region #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bell, Michael Boyer, Warren Brady, Theresa Jodin, Sharmaine King, Loretta (RR) Lavoie, Margaret Ludvikson, Debra Pouliot, Margie Pritchett, Melanie
<p>Western Region #1A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kennedy, Billy (RR) Kennedy, Ralph Nobel, Jeff Trotchie, Becky 	<p>Western Region #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Andrews, Sheila Bannerman, Cary Bowering, Jade DeBray, Candy Fiddler, Leroy Guillet, Victor Hope, Carla Johnston, Gail McKay, Darlene McLennan, Sherry (RR) Neufeldt, Wanda Tetarenko, Lucille 	<p>Western Region #2A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Card, Barbara Ann Falcon, Barry Hurton, Penny Isbister, Shirley McInnes, Adam Ormerod, Jocelyn Parenteau, Chance Pruden Nansel, Kathie (RR) President of Allan Local 	<p>Western Region #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brooks, Dennis Drouin, Shea Fazakas, Marilyn Gervais, Wendy (RR) Hamilton, Eugene Hawman, Darrell
<p>Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bennett, Joel Calladine, Jordan Kuppenbender, Colbi Laing-LaRose, Autumn (President) Phillips, Harley 	<p>Les Filles des Madeline</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Delorme, Carol King, Gwen Vandale, Bonny (VP) White, Brenda 	<p>Provincial Executive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LeClair, Michelle (Vice President) McCallum, Lisa (Secretary) 	

APPENDIX B

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

held November 19-20, 2022

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided with the Agenda

Section 1 – Dialogue Forums:

1. Schedule for the November 18, 2022 Dialogue Forums:
 - Judicial Tribunal
 - Rules of the House (MNLA)
 - Constitutional Reform – Proposed Changes to the Elections Act
 - Transition from “Not for Profit” to Government
 - Residential School Commission
2. Summary Report of the June 3, 2022 Dialogue Forums

Section 2 – MNLA Agenda:

1. Agenda for the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA

Section 3 – MNLA Roll Call:

1. List of Delegates Registered to Attend the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA

Sections 4, 5 and 6 – Resolutions:

1. Draft Resolution (11-2022-01): Adoption of the Rules of the House
2. Draft Resolution (11-2022-02): Appointment of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
3. Draft Resolution (11-2022-03): Appointment of the Minute Taker
4. Draft Resolution (11-2022-04): Order of the Day / Adoption of the Agenda
5. Draft Resolution (11-2022-05): Appointment of the Dumont’s Scouts
6. Draft Resolution (11-2022-06): Adoption of Oteepaymsoowuk Local
7. Draft Resolution (11-2022-07): Adoption of Allan Local
8. Draft Resolution (11-2022-08): Acceptance of Portfolio Reassignments
9. Draft Resolution (11-2022-09): Adoption of the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA Minutes
10. Draft Resolution (11-2022-10): Métis Vision of Health
11. Draft Resolution (11-2022-11): Rejection of the *Saskatchewan First Act*
12. Draft Resolution (11-2022-12): Audited Financial Statements 2021-2022
13. Draft Resolution (11-2022-13): Appointment of the Auditor for 2022-2023
14. Draft Resolution (11-2022-14): Adoption of the 2022-2023 MN-S Budget
15. Draft Resolution (11-2022-15): Acceptance of MNLA Reports
16. Draft Resolution (11-2022-16): Resolution to Stop the Disposition of Crown Lands
17. Draft Resolution (11-2022-17): Support of North West Land Claim
18. Draft Resolution (11-2022-18): Reaffirming *UNDRIP Act* and *Kwayskahstahsoowin – Cree / Kwaayesh Aashtaayaahk - Michif*
19. Draft Resolution (11-2022-19): Increase Student Supports for Métis Students

Section 8 – Executive Reports:

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

Section 9 – Ministerial Reports:

1. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Back to Batoche
2. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Child and Family Services
3. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Culture and Heritage
4. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Duty to Consult
5. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Early Learning and Childcare
6. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Environment
7. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Finance
8. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Health
9. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Housing
10. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Inter Nation Relations
11. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Justice
12. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Language
13. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Provincial Citizenship Registry
14. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Sports
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 10 – Regional Reports:

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

Section 11 – Affiliate Reports:

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

Section 12 – Legislative Documents:

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

Audited Financial Statements 2021-22 and Operating Budget 2022-23:

1. Auditor's Report (Virtus Group LLP)
2. Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements, Year Ending March 31, 2022
5. Draft MN-S Operating Budget 2022-23

APPENDIX C

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these Minutes

ERP	Emergency Repair Program
MGRSA	Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement
MNC	Métis National Council
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MSDoH	Métis social determinants of health
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council
RFA	Requests for Action

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