



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*held November 25-26, 2023*

Minutes of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), held November 25-26, 2023, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary.

**DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

**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**

Elder Norman Fleury and Elder Emile Janvier offered welcoming comments and Opening Prayers.

**ANTHEMS**

Loretta King, Regional Director of Western Region 1, performed the "Métis National Anthem". A recording of "O Canada" was presented.

**STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS**

**Glen McCallum, President, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan**

President McCallum welcomed attendees and honoured the courage and legacy of the Métis ancestors. He commended the achievements and successes of the MN-S including its financial growth and efforts to initiate partnerships with governments, industry and institutions for the benefit of future generations.

It was noted that Back to Batoche 2023 welcomed 42,000 people; aspirations for even higher attendance in 2024 were acknowledged. Additionally, it was noted that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meetings were now being livestreamed, offering citizens live access to their deliberations. Gratitude was extended to the Local Presidents, Elders, youth, delegates and invited guests for attending the MNLA.

**GREETINGS**

**Charlie Clark, Mayor, City of Saskatoon**

Mayor Clark welcomed the delegates and thanked the Elders for their insights. He highlighted the importance of strengthening ties with the MN-S and the provincial government and acknowledged the 13,000 registered Métis citizens in Saskatoon. The Mayor commended the Ma Faamii Centre for providing essential services like childcare and housing to Métis families and Elders, and noted the ongoing efforts to address health issues, including addictions and homelessness.

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

Chief Semaganis encouraged First Nations and Métis communities to work together as relatives when resolving disputes, emphasizing the importance of Healing Lodges and Prayer Lodges in bringing people together and promoting unity.

**President Cassidy Caron, Métis National Council (MNC)**

MNC President Caron expressed gratitude to the Elders for the Opening Prayer, and commended the progress and unity demonstrated within the Métis Nation. She thanked the MN-S for their ongoing support and for the invitation to attend the MNLA.

**Scott Moe, Premier, Province of Saskatchewan**

Premier Moe extended appreciation to the MN-S for the invitation to attend the MNLA and acknowledged provincial representatives and others in attendance. MN-S representatives were commended for their efforts with provincial representatives, and for their roles in advancing the interests of the Métis Nation.

**MOU SIGNING CEREMONY - MN-S AND PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

Government of Saskatchewan (GOS) and MN-S representatives participated in signing the following:

- Memorandum of Understanding, which set out terms of understanding between the MN-S and GOS, on the implementation of the *Saskatchewan Firearms Act*, and relevant community engagement
- Memorandum of Understanding, which intended to enhance the relationship between the MN-S and GOS, and identify opportunities to work together on educating the provincial public service.

**Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

**BUSINESS AGENDA – NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

**1. ROLL CALL OF ASSEMBLY DELEGATES / CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 100 registered voting Delegates in attendance<sup>1</sup>.

**DR. EARL COOK MEMORIAL**

Laura Burnouf and Ryan Carriere led a tribute to honour the memory of the late Dr. Earl Cook.

**2. MNLA RESOLUTIONS**

**2.1 Appointment of the Minute Taker**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly appoints Carrie Peacock as the official Minute Taker for the November 25-26, 2023, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

**CARRIED (MNLA231125-01)**

*93 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

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<sup>1</sup> See attached "List of Registered Voting Delegates"

## **2.2 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 January 17, 2023, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held November 24-26, 2023;

**WHEREAS** the PMC further resolved that the November 24-26, 2023, 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 / Agenda; and

**WHEREAS** the Order of the Day / Agenda is hereby proposed for the MNLA to be held on November 24-26, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly hereby approves the following agenda for the Fall 2023 MNLA sitting of November 25-26, 2023:

#### **I. DIALOGUE FORUMS – NOVEMBER 24, 2023**

#### **II. MNLA DAY ONE – NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

- Grand Entry:
  - o Lead Fiddler – Dean Smith
  - o Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
  - o Métis Anthem – Loretta King, Western Region 1
  - o O Canada
- State of the Nation - President McCallum
- Greetings:
  - o Métis National Council
  - o Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
  - o Federal Government Representative
  - o Provincial Government Representative
  - o Mayor of the City of Saskatoon
  - o MOU Signing Ceremony - MN-S and the Province of Saskatchewan
- Roll Call of Voting Delegates – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
- Health Break
- Dr. Earl Cook Memorial
- MNLA Motions:
  - o Appointment of the Minute Taker
  - o Adoption of the Order of the Day / Agenda
  - o Appointment of Dumont's Scouts
- Review of the May 25-26, 2023 MNLA Minutes:
  - o Adoption of the Minutes
  - o Business Arising from the Minutes
- Lunch
- Legal and Legislation Update – Panel Discussion:
  - o Vice President Michelle LeClair
  - o Christopher Gall, Deputy Chief/Senior General Council

- Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
- Health Break
- Commission on the Review of Locals Update
- Adjournment and Closing Prayer
- Entertainment and Banquet

**III. MNLA DAY TWO – NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

- Opening Prayer – Elder Debra Smith
- Roll Call – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
- Chief Executive Officer Report – Richard Quintal, CEO and Clerk of the MNLA
- Bill C-92 Consultation Report
- MN-S Financial Update:
  - Review of Audited Financial Statements
  - Approval of the 2022-2023 Financial Audit
  - Appointment of the Auditors for 2023-2024
- Lunch
- Technical Panel A - Ministries / Departments:
  - Veterans
  - Youth and Women
  - Economic Development
- Technical Panel B - Ministries / Departments:
  - Inter-Nation Relations
  - Culture and Heritage
  - Language
- Motion to Accept Reports (Executive, Regional, Ministerial and Affiliates)
- Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios
- Resolution on Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability
- Conclusion and Closing Prayers.

**CARRIED (MNLA231125-02)**

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

**2.3 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts**

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

**WHEREAS** Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation-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) appoint the following individuals to be the Dumont's Scouts for the November 25-26, 2023 MNLA: John Belanger, Haley Burnouf, Adam Daigneault, Raina LaCroix, Felix Merasty and Josie Searson.

**CARRIED (MNLA231125-03)**

*91 Delegates voted in favour  
0 Delegates voted in opposition  
2 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**3. REVIEW OF THE MAY 2023 MNLA MINUTES**

Lisa McCallum, Secretary, reviewed the resolutions passed during the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) adopts the Minutes of the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA as presented on November 25, 2023.

**CARRIED (MNLA231125-04)**

*89 Delegates voted in favour*

*0 Delegates voted in opposition*

*2 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**Introduction – Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence Award Recipient**

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, introduced Raina LaCroix, Chief Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Royal Canadian Sea Cadets – Saskatchewan Division, a recent recipient of the Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence and the Commanding Officers Award for Excellence in Leadership.

**Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 12:15 p.m. with a Meal Blessing offered by Elder Max Morin, and reconvened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Deputy Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 101 Delegates in attendance.

**4. PANEL - Legal and Legislation Update**

Vice President LeClair and Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP, participated in a panel discussion and responded to questions on “Legal and Legislation” issues. Some of their responses are indicated below.

- The *Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA)* was signed by the MN-S and Canada on June 27, 2019.
- On February 24, 2023, the *Métis Nation within Saskatchewan Self-government Recognition and Implementation Agreement* (the “*Agreement*”) was signed, updating the 2019 MGRSA and introducing an implementation process.
- Negotiations were progressing towards a self-government treaty, a legally-binding agreement with Canada; the treaty will include aspects from the *Agreement (2023)* and will solidify the MN-S' rights and its representation of Métis people in Saskatchewan.
- The Government of Canada introduced *Bill C-53 – An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts* (Bill C-53), which provided a legal framework for recognition of a self-government treaty.
- Bill C-53 is being reviewed by the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- Elements of the *MGRSA (2019)* and the *Agreement (2023)* that the MN-S may seek to discuss in negotiations with Canada (e.g., land claims)

- Resolutions passed by the MNC, directing the appointment of an independent Expert Panel to “review the history of the seven Ontario communities through the lens of the National Definition and contemporary Métis governance”
- Scheduling virtual technical briefings on Bill C-53, early in 2024.

#### **Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

#### **5. COMMISSION ON THE REVIEW OF LOCALS FINAL REPORT — MICHAEL GATIN, COMMISSIONER**

Michael Gatin, Commissioner for the Review of Locals, introduced a presentation titled “Commission on the Review of Locals – Final Report Discussion”, and offered comments on:

- The consultation process and engagement strategy, which involved discussions with Elders, youth, communities, Locals and leaders and focused on leveraging community strengths and promoting growth
- Recommendations in the Commission’s report related to establishing consistent structures and functions for Locals, to better serve MN-S citizens, enhance their quality of life, and contribute to strengthening the nation.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- The estimated number of active Locals (100), inactive Locals (30) and dormant Locals
- Information reflected in the data submitted to the MN-S, regarding the status of Locals
- Engagements between May 2022 and August 2023, which involved phone calls, emails, in-person meetings, and virtual interviews; methods of data collection used, including recordings, some note-taking, listening and documentation
- An invitation sent to all Locals to participate in the process, managed by the Regional Directors; the Commission’s report includes details on the Locals contacted
- The "appreciative inquiry" methodology used during the engagement process, focused on identifying strengths, challenges, opportunities and solutions
- Feedback received, which supported timely, concise and accurate communications to citizens; identifying steps to improve the state of the Locals; supporting members not connected with Locals; fostering community cooperation; and establishing standard criteria for the functioning of Locals.

#### **ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED**

The November 25-26, 2023 MN-S MNLA adjourned on November 25, 2023, at 4:25 p.m. after confirming that the Assembly would reconvene on November 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

### **DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The November 25-26, 2023 MN-S MNLA reconvened on November 26, 2023, at approximately 9:06 a.m.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Debra Smith offered welcoming comments and an Opening Prayer.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 92 Delegates in attendance.

**6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY'S REPORT**

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, highlighted some initiatives and activities, including:

- A \$7 million funding package for Locals, sourced from programs like Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) and the Community Enhancement Grant program; funding will support language and culture programming in communities; additional details are pending
- Allocating funding for a range of initiatives such as early learning and childcare, language revitalization, enhancing cultural connections, land-based wellness, and efforts to reduce homelessness
- The MN-S Christmas Present Program, designed to ease the holiday burden for vulnerable Métis families.

**7. BILL C-92 CONSULTATION REPORT**

Vice President LeClair, Kathie Pruden Nansel, Minister of Child Family Services, and Jason Mercredi provided updates on the Bill C-92 Community Consultations and commented on:

- Discussions held on Bill C-92, in 27 communities across the province
- Some common themes emerged during the discussions, including:
  - o The need to teach traditions, culture, land-based skills and support kinship connections
  - o Providing families with access to supports and services (e.g., grandparents are caring for grandchildren without supports, minimal or no childcare spaces available, etc.)
  - o Opportunities required to rebuild healthy, engaged, and culturally connected Métis children, families, and communities
- Contacting Local Presidents, Elders, community facilities, and caterers for guidance in advance of scheduling future sessions
- The November 23, 2023 Bill C-92 Conference, which received a presentation on how Cowessess First Nation regained control over their Child and Family Services.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Seeking guidance and input from Elders, parents and youth in decision-making processes and on potential prevention-based strategies to benefit Métis children and families
- Incorporating Métis-specific cultural content into social services programs.

**Health Break**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Hailey Marcot, Deputy Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 95 Delegates in attendance.

**8. MN-S FINANCIAL UPDATE AND FINANCIAL AUDITED STATEMENTS**

**8.1 Audited Financial Statements for 2022-2023**

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, and Brian Heindricks, Virtus Group LLP, reviewed the "Financial Audited Statements 2022-2023" provided with the Agenda. It was confirmed that the audit clearly indicated the financial position of the MN-S.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The return of Batoche lands by Parks Canada, indicated in the "In-Kind Contributions" section
- Lands purchased by the MN-S for Ma Faamii Centres, and as part of the Bison Project

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- Salaries and wages for Elected Officials reflected in the “Schedule of Governance” section
- UPIP funding to support Locals
- Scheduling budget workshops for the Spring 2024 MNLA, along with a workshop booklet
- Participation by Elders and youths, supported by relevant program dollars
- The feasibility of increased funding for the Registry, as proposed during the Dialogue Forum.

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

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, at their duly held meeting on November 21, 2023 approved the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2023;

**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, 2023, which includes statements of financial position, operations, and cash flows, and accompanying notes and schedules.

**CARRIED (MNLA231126-01)**

*82 Delegates voted in favour*

*10 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**12:00 p.m.**

Brian Heinrichs and Sheryl Noete, Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, left the meeting.

**8.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2023-24**

**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, 2023, 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 2023-2024, ending March 31, 2024.

**CARRIED (MNLA231126-02)**

*83 Delegates voted in favour*

*2 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 12:05 p.m. with a Meal Blessing offered by Elder Frank Natomagan, and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 92 Delegates in attendance.

**9. TECHNICAL PANEL A – Ministries and Departments**

***Ministry of Veterans***

Kristi Ross, Manager, reviewed a presentation and offered information on:

- Developing programs and services to meet the needs of Veterans and their families
- Identifying Métis veterans and their families in each region, determining the services they require, and advocating to enhance the supports available to them
- Involving the Dumont's Scouts in programs, services and activities related to Veterans.

***Ministries of Women and Gender Equity, Sport and Youth***

Kara Reid, Project Development Manager, reviewed a presentation and offered information on:

- Addressing issues that disproportionately impact women and 2SLGBTQIA+ persons, including poverty, homelessness, childcare, housing, and domestic violence
- Efforts of the new Ministry of Sport to ensure internal and external sport programs are inclusive, accessible and affordable to Métis youth (ages 16-29) and 2SLGBTQIA+ people
- The vision of the "Riel Scouts" program to provide an opportunity for Métis children and youth to participate in a community-driven Métis-specific program tailored to their individual growth, health, and wellness.

***Economic Development - Update***

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, offered information on:

- Availability of a report from the Saskatchewan Métis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) and the Clarence Campeau Development Fund
- A Business Development Manager retained to support Regions and Locals by evaluating projects, as required
- Musqua Development Corporation, an economic development corporation established through SMEDCO, which had been inactive
- Establishing an MN-S Economic Development Growth Plan, likely available early in 2024.

**9.2 TECHNICAL PANEL B— Ministries and Departments**

***Inter Nation Relations - Update***

Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, confirmed that a report on "Inter Nation Relations" would be uploaded to the MNLA binder.

***Ministry of Culture and Heritage***

Kristie Ross, Manager, reviewed a presentation and commented on:

- Objectives of the Ministry, including supporting events that promote awareness of Métis culture and identity, and creating a database of Métis cultural resources
- Record-breaking attendance at the 2023 Back to Batoche Festival
- UPIP funding delivered to Locals to support activities for women, vulnerable people, youth, transition services, outreach programs and community services
- Supporting the Batoche site, the Bison herd, and development of the Riel Scouts program
- Efforts with the MNC towards a 10-year funding agreement to support traditional languages.

***Department of Social Infrastructure / Housing***

Jason Mercredi, Director, reviewed a presentation and commented on:

- The Emergency Repair Program, a one-time indirect grant for low-income Métis citizens specifically for critical home safety repairs

- The First Time Homebuyers' Program, a one-time indirect grant for a down payment and associated legal fees for Métis citizens who are purchasing their first home
- The Commercial Harvesting Improvements Program, a pilot program intended to promote economic opportunities for Métis commercial harvesters
- The NR3 Regional Housing Strategy, a project administered by Sakitawak Development Corporation, which enabled construction of some small homes
- The Canada Greener Homes Program, a new energy efficiencies program beginning in 2024/2025; up to eight Métis citizens will be trained as Energy Advisors
- Programs to address homelessness, including the Reaching Home Program, Coordinated Access Program, and Eviction Prevention Program.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Discussing opportunities to collaborate with the Gabriel Dumont Institute on initiatives related to support languages, culture and heritage
- Directing concerns related to contractors involved in the Home Repair Program to the Ministry of Social Infrastructure / Housing
- A training program for Energy Auditors, to support the transition from home inspections to energy audits
- Ensuring Local Presidents and Regional Directors have access to participate in monthly MN-S update meetings (held by videoconference).

## 10. MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS

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

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

**CARRIED (MNLA231126-03)**

*82 Delegates voted in favour*

*3 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

## 11. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

### 11.1 Ratification of Ministerial Appointments

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

**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 reassignments on September 21, 2023:

- Post-Secondary and Education (K-12): President Glen McCallum
- Associate Minister of Gabriel Dumont Institute: Wendy Gervais
- Early Learning and Childcare: Sherry Ann McLennan
- Associate Minister of Constitutional Reform: Secretary Lisa McCallum

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA ratifies the PMC’s approval of the ministerial portfolio reassignments made by President Glen McCallum on September 21, 2023, as follows:

- Post-Secondary and Education (K-12): President Glen McCallum
- Associate Minister of Gabriel Dumont Institute: Wendy Gervais
- Early Learning and Childcare: Sherry Ann McLennan
- Associate Minister of Constitutional Reform: Secretary Lisa McCallum.

**CARRIED (MNLA231126-04)**

*79 Delegates voted in favour*

*6 Delegates voted in opposition*

*2 Delegates abstained from the vote*

## 11.2 Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Michelle LeClair)**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the government of the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S and Canada executed a “Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement” signed June 27, 2019, which speaks to ensuring the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) will provide for the “financial management and accountability of the Métis Government to its Citizens”;

**WHEREAS** the “Métis Nation within Saskatchewan Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement” signed February 24, 2023, provides for upfront recognition of the MN-S including our “responsibility for providing responsible and accountable self-government for its Citizens and Métis collectivity throughout Saskatchewan”;

**WHEREAS** the MN-S Provincial Métis Council fully embraces the principle of transparency; and

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) is the governing authority of the Métis Nation, as set out by the *Constitution*;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA directs the Executive to explore transparency and accountability measures for our Métis Government and report back with recommendations at the next sitting of the MNLA.

**CARRIED (MNLA231126-05)**

*82 Delegates voted in favour*

*7 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

## CONCLUSION

**It was MOVED (Jocelyn Ormerod) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)**

That the November 25-26, 2023, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now conclude.

**CARRIED (MNLA231126-06)**

*Voting results were not announced*

The November 25-26, 2023 MN-S MNLA concluded on November 26, 2023, at approximately 2:30 p.m. Elder Debbie Smith and Elder Norman Fleury offered Closing Prayers.

*Duly adopted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on May 25, 2024*

**SIGNED AND CERTIFIED** as a correct record of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held November 25-26, 2023, 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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**LIST OF APPENDICES**

*The following items are attached to these minutes:*

Appendix A – [List of Registered Voting Delegates](#)

Appendix B – [List of Information Items](#)

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**APPENDIX A**  
**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*held November 25-26, 2023*

**LIST OF REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES**

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

<p><b>Northern Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Angus, Brett</li> <li>2. Augier, Allen</li> <li>3. Burnouf, Laura (RR)</li> <li>4. Fiss, Curtis</li> <li>5. Lavallee, Lorna</li> <li>6. Natomagan, George</li> </ol>	<p><b>Northern Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chewchuk, Keith</li> <li>2. Desjarlais, Rene</li> <li>3. Hanson, Marlene</li> <li>4. Herman, Dean</li> <li>5. Herman, Violet</li> <li>6. Janvier, Donna</li> <li>7. Montgrand, Leonard (RR)</li> <li>8. Wagenaar, Matilda</li> </ol>	<p><b>Northern Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bouvier, Mervin “Tex”(RR)</li> <li>2. Couillonneur, Rylee</li> <li>3. Daigneault, Joe</li> <li>4. Gardiner, Louis</li> <li>5. Kenny, Fred</li> <li>6. Kenny, Percy</li> <li>7. Lafleur, Eugenie</li> <li>8. Laliberte, Patsy</li> <li>9. Natomagan, Mike</li> <li>10. Roy, Kelvin</li> </ol>	<p><b>Eastern Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carriere, Ryan (RR)</li> <li>2. McKay, Ferlin</li> </ol>
<p><b>Eastern Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bell, Viola</li> <li>2. Belliveau, Brenda</li> <li>3. Digness, Brent (RR)</li> <li>4. Ekert, Marlyn</li> <li>5. Genaille, Dianne</li> <li>6. Johnson, Helene</li> <li>7. St. Dennis, Marshall</li> <li>8. Yip, Sheila</li> </ol>	<p><b>Eastern Region #2A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paul, Wayne</li> <li>2. Potyondi, Joanna</li> </ol>	<p><b>Eastern Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amyotte, Justin</li> <li>2. Blondeau, Ed</li> <li>3. Friesen, Marg (RR)</li> <li>4. LeClair, Larry</li> <li>5. Legace, Linda</li> <li>6. Mondor, Dexter</li> <li>7. Nykiforuk-Racette, Trisha</li> <li>8. Pelletier, Sheila</li> <li>9. Poitras, Leebert</li> <li>10. Sopp, Linda</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bell, Michael</li> <li>2. Boyer, Warren</li> <li>3. Brady, Theresa</li> <li>4. King, Loretta (RR)</li> <li>5. Ludvikson, Debra</li> <li>6. Murray, Kat</li> <li>7. Pouliot, Marjorie</li> <li>8. Wells, Kyle</li> </ol>
<p><b>Western Region #1A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kennedy, Billy (RR)</li> <li>2. Mahalicz, Jordan</li> <li>3. Munroe, Stephanie</li> <li>4. Trotchie, Becky</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrews, Sheila</li> <li>2. Bowering, Jade</li> <li>3. DeBray, Candy</li> <li>4. Fiddler, Leroy</li> <li>5. Gardiner, Jennifer</li> <li>6. Guillet, Victor</li> <li>7. Hope, Carla</li> <li>8. Johnson, Gail</li> <li>9. Letendre, Jodi</li> <li>10. McKay, Darlene</li> <li>11. McLennan, Sherry (RR)</li> <li>12. Neufeldt, Wanda</li> <li>13. Primeau, Jeanette</li> <li>14. Tetarenko, Lucille</li> <li>15. St. Denjos, Debbie</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #2A</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Card, Barbara Ann</li> <li>2. Denomie, Jeremy</li> <li>3. Falcon, Barry</li> <li>4. Fisher, Kim</li> <li>5. Hurton, Penny</li> <li>6. Isbister, Shirley</li> <li>7. McInnes, Adam</li> <li>8. Ormerod, Jocelyn</li> <li>9. Parenteau, Chance</li> <li>10. Pruden Nansel, Kathie (RR)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Western Region #3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anderson, Rebecca</li> <li>2. Brooks, Dennis</li> <li>3. Drouin, Shea</li> <li>4. Fazakas, Marilyn</li> <li>5. Gervais, Wendy (RR)</li> <li>6. Hamilton, Eugene</li> <li>7. Hawman, Darrell</li> </ol>
<p><b>Youth</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Curry, Zachery</li> <li>2. Durnin, Jonah</li> <li>3. Lafontaine, Amber</li> <li>4. Laing-LaRose, Autumn (President)</li> <li>5. McAllister, Eric</li> <li>6. Mondor, Charlie</li> </ol>	<p><b>Les Filles des Madeline</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Belanger, Rebecca</li> <li>2. King, Gwen</li> <li>3. Langan, Darlene (Interim President)</li> <li>4. McKenzie, Denise</li> <li>5. Swain, Deanna</li> </ol>	<p><b>Provincial Executive</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LeClair, Michelle (Vice President)</li> <li>2. McCallum, Glen (President)</li> <li>3. McCallum, Lisa (Secretary)</li> </ol>	

**APPENDIX B**  
**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN (MN-S)**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA)**  
*held November 25-26, 2023*

**LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**  
*The following items were provided with the Agenda*

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**November 24, 2023 – Dialogue Forums:**

1. Schedule for the November 24, 2023 Dialogue Forums:
  - Constitutional Reform
  - Establishing a Judicial Body
  - Child and Family Services
  - Provincial Citizenship Registry

**November 25-26, 2023 – MNLA:**

1. Agenda for the November 25-26, 2023 MNLA
2. List of Delegates Registered to Attend the November 25-26, 2023 MNLA
3. Draft Resolution (11-2023-01): Appointment of the Minute Taker
4. Draft Resolution (11-2023-02): Order of the Day / Adoption of the Agenda
5. Draft Resolution (11-2023-03): Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts
6. Draft Resolution (11-2023-04): Adoption of the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA Minutes
7. Draft Resolution (11-2023-05): Acceptance of All MNLA Reports
8. Draft Resolution (11-2023-06): Acceptance of Ministerial Appointments
9. Draft Resolution (11-2023-07): Audited Financial Statements 2022-2023
10. Draft Resolution (11-2023-08): Appointment of the Auditor for 2023-2024
11. Draft Resolution (11-2023-09): Increasing Transparency and Promoting Accountability

**Executive Reports:**

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

**Ministerial Reports:**

1. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Culture and Heritage
2. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Economic Development and Tourism
3. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Education (Early Learning and Childcare / Post-Secondary Education)
4. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Health
5. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Lands and Environment
6. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Language
7. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Social Infrastructure (Housing, Child and Family Services, Ma Faamii)
8. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Veterans
9. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Women and Gender Equity
10. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Youth

**Regional Reports:**

1. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 1
2. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 3
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 2
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 Inc.
3. Report to the MNLA from Gabriel Dumont Institute

**Audited Financial Statements 2022-2023:**

1. Independent Auditor's Report (Virtus Group LLP)
2. Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements, Year Ending March 31, 2023

**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*

**Additional Information Items:**

1. MNLA Presentation on the Ministry of Veterans
2. MNLA Presentation on the Department of Social Infrastructure
3. MNLA Presentation on Women & Gender Equity, Sport, and Youth
4. MNLA Presentation on Riel Scouts
5. 2023 Annual Report of Les Filles des Madelaine Secretariate Inc.
6. Report titled, "Commission for the Review of Locals - Strengthening Our Nation, A Review of Métis Locals (2023)"
7. *Bill C-53 - An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*

**APPENDIX C**  
**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*held November 25-26, 2023*

**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these Minutes*

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GOS	Government of Saskatchewan
MGRSA	Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement
MNC	Métis National Council
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
SMEDCO	Saskatchewan Métis Economic Development Corporation
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples