



**MÉTIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
held May 19 and 20, 2026

Minutes of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held May 19 and 20, 2026, convened at the Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, SK on May 19, 2026, and reconvened at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, SK, on May 20, 2026, prepared by Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary.

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL: (* indicates virtual attendance)

Present:

Glen McCallum, President (departed at 1:30 p.m.)	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Rachael Heiser, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Marlene Hansen, Secretary	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A*
Jeremy Denomie, Treasurer	(joined at 11:00 a.m.)
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1*	Darlene Langan, Les Filles de Madelaine
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1*	Darcy Lepowick, Eastern Region 2A
Marilyn Ekert, Eastern Region 2 (Interim)*	Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3*	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2*
Beverly Fullerton, Western Region 2A	

Absent:

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
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Also Present:

John Lagimodiere, Chair	Elder Caroline Laliberte*
Elder Norman Fleury	Merrilee Rasmussen, Legal Counsel*

MN-S Office: (additional MN-S representatives attended as "Observers")

Matthew Vermette, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Darryl Bazylak, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Kendra Gill, Director, Policy and Research
Autumn Laing-LaRose, Director, Strategy and Inclusive Governance
Brent Laroque, Director, Lands and Resources, Agriculture, and Environment (Item 8.5)
Billie Jo Natomagan, Director, Planning and Priorities
Heather Hallgrimson, Cabinet and Legislative Services Manager, Policy and Self-Determination
Gerald Morin, Governance Specialist
Dexter Bricker, General Counsel
Courtney Usselman, Legislative Services Officer

Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda varied during the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes in the order in which they were considered.

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Lagimodiere, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury provided an Opening Prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information: Draft Agenda for the May 19, 2026, MN-S PMC Meeting

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Rachael Heiser)

That the Agenda for the May 19, 2026, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting be approved as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer - Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones)
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks – President Glen McCallum
6. Consent Agenda Items:
 - 6.1 Appointing the Recording Secretary
 - 6.2 Review and Approval of April 21, 2026, MN-S PMC Minutes
7. Presentation of the Wícihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 The Wícihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan
 - 8.2 A Call to Action on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+) Across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland
 - 8.3 Establishing a Standing Resolutions Committee for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)
 - 8.4 Regional Language Gatherings
 - 8.5 Regional Métis Land Use and Occupancy Studies
 - 8.6 Striking a Women's Working Group
9. Chief Executive Officer Update
10. Presentation of the Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act
11. In-Camera
12. Closing Prayer - Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones).

CARRIED (260519-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS

President Glen McCallum welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of transparency and providing citizens with accurate information directly from the government. He highlighted ongoing work in intergovernmental relations, treaty negotiations, infrastructure, and health initiatives, noting continued collaboration with provincial and federal partners.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Rachael Heiser)

That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve the following items included on the Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Diane Parsons as Recording Secretary for the May 19, 2026, PMC Meeting
- Approval of the April 21, 2026, MN-S PMC Minutes.

CARRIED (260519-02)

7. **PRESENTATION OF THE WĪCHITOWIN ELDERS POLICY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Related information: Briefing Note on “Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan”, dated May 19, 2026

Billie Jo Natomagan, Director, Planning and Priorities, reviewed the proposed development of a Wicihitowin Elders Policy, as directed by PMC Resolution #250819-09. Drafting and consultation with Elders, PMC, and staff are planned for Summer 2026, with finalization and adoption anticipated as early as Fall 2026.

8. **RESOLUTIONS**

8.1 **Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan**

Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note on “Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan”, dated May 19, 2026, and resolution titled, “Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A request from the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Language and Identity for increased involvement and consultation throughout the policy development and engagement process
- Ensuring the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and citizens are meaningfully engaged in and informed of the policy ratification process
- Engaging Regional Directors to facilitate Elder consultations and provide feedback to staff on the proposed policy.

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Brennan Merasty)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) affirms that the Métis have the inherent right to self-determination, including choosing their political path and pursuing economic, social, and cultural development;

WHEREAS the MN-S is the government that represents the Métis collectivity within Saskatchewan and Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu, Lii Vyeu Moond, and Aḷnëdhë (the Old Ones/Elders) play an essential role within MN-S government by offering cultural knowledge, language, teachings, and ceremonial guidance that support decision-making;

WHEREAS on August 19, 2025, the PMC passed Resolution #250819-09 directing the MN-S to develop a draft Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan to clarify the role of Old Ones/Elders within the MN-S Government;

WHEREAS the growth of MN-S governance structures, programs, and services has increased Old Ones/Elders' involvement across the MN-S Government, highlighting the need for a clear, coordinated, and culturally grounded approach to Old Ones/Elders' engagement, support, and recognition at the governance level;

WHEREAS a defined policy development plan is required to establish scope, timelines, engagement processes, and interministerial coordination to ensure the Wicihitowin Elders Policy is developed in a respectful, inclusive, and effective manner; and

WHEREAS the proposed Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan sets out a phased approach to drafting, engagements, consultations, revisions, and finalization of the policy, and provides a structured pathway to bring the finalized policy forward for PMC consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approves the proposed Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan, as presented at the May 19, 2026 PMC meeting, to guide the development of a comprehensive Wicihitowin Elders Policy that supports the essential role of Old Ones/Elders within the MN-S Government, consistent with the *Constitution* and MN-S's ongoing journey toward self-government; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the finalized Wicihitowin Elders Policy be presented to the PMC for consideration and adoption in Fall 2026.

CARRIED (260519-03)

Request for Action (RFA-260519-01): *It was requested that the Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan be amended to include opportunities for youth participation in Elder engagement activities to support intergenerational knowledge transfer.*

Health Break

The meeting recessed at approximately 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

AGENDA VARIED

It was noted that a previously deferred resolution had been omitted from the agenda. Accordingly, the Chair added "Governance Renewal Process" to the agenda as Item 8.7.

8.2 A Call to Action on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+) across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution on "A Call to Action on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+) across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland"

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Increasing coordination between the Les Filles de Madelaine (LFDM) Interim President, relevant Ministers and PMC members

- MN-S support for families of MMIWG2S+, and circulation to the PMC of “*Weaving Miskotahâ*”¹, a report prepared by Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) in 2021
- Friendly amendments, accepted by the Mover and Seconder, calling on federal and provincial governments to work in partnership with the MN-S, LFDM and the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC)
- Incorporating clear timelines and follow-up actions within the resolution, and recognizing that responsibility for advancing the file rests with the PMC due to its cross-ministerial nature
- A commitment from the Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government to convene a workshop to review and advance the work initiated through *Weaving Miskotahâ* (LFMO, 2021).

11:00 a.m. (approximately)

Billy Kennedy joined the meeting.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, including Knowledge Keepers, Kihitêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources, which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the MN-S affirms its responsibility to uphold the safety, dignity, and well-being of Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, grounded in inherent rights and Métis distinctions of identity, culture, values, and language;

WHEREAS Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people continue to experience disproportionately high rates of violence, disappearance, and systemic harm, constituting an ongoing and urgent MMIWG2S+ crisis across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland and Canada;

WHEREAS the ongoing legacy of colonization, systemic discrimination, and jurisdictional gaps within policing, courts, coroners’ offices, and victim services has created significant and persistent barriers for Métis families seeking justice, accountability, and support, including lack of transparency, limited communication, and insufficient culturally appropriate services;

WHEREAS the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* has affirmed Indigenous peoples’ rights to self-determination, equality, non-discrimination, culture and identity, security, and participation in decision-making, which are central to addressing the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and their families;

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada issued 94 Calls to Action in 2015 to address the harms of residential schools and advance reconciliation, and these Calls to Action directly impact Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people affected by the MMIWG2S+ crisis;

WHEREAS the *National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls* established 231 Calls for Justice, which included calling on all levels of government to develop and implement a national action plan to address violence against Indigenous women, girls, and

¹ LFMO Report titled, “Weaving Miskotahâ. <https://metiswomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Weaving-Miskotaha-July-2021-report.pdf>

2SLGBTQQIA+ people to prevent, investigate, punish, and provide redress for such violence; to eliminate jurisdictional barriers to relevant services; to establish an Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudsperson and Tribunal in recognition that existing systems fail to provide accountability or recourse; and to provide stable, long-term funding for Indigenous-led violence prevention and education programs;

WHEREAS *Weaving Miskotahâ: Métis Nation Action Plan* affirms that the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people is rooted in systemic discrimination, and in failures across justice, health, child welfare and social systems, and further reflects that, through advocacy for Métis families and survivors, 62 Métis-specific Calls to Miskotahâ were developed to augment the Calls for Justice and sets out a distinctions-based, Métis-specific framework grounded in section 35 rights and human rights obligations, calling for urgent and sustained government action including, but not limited to, the establishment of an independent oversight body, Métis-specific healing and wellness infrastructure, culturally safe and trauma-informed services, Métis system navigators, justice and child welfare reform, Métis-specific data systems, and long-term, equitable funding commitments;

WHEREAS there is currently no independent, Métis distinct mechanism to ensure accountability or provide recourse for Métis families navigating policing, courts, prosecutions, corrections, coroners' services, and victim services, contributing to ongoing mistrust of institutions; and

WHEREAS progress to date on the Calls for Justice and Calls to Miskotahâ has been insufficient and delayed and current approaches remain reactive and under-resourced, failing to prevent violence and limiting the ability to implement proactive, prevention-focused, and culturally grounded solutions that address root causes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC formally recognizes and affirms the ongoing and urgent crisis of violence against Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland, and calls for immediate, coordinated, and sustained action by all orders of government and partners to address systemic barriers, strengthen accountability, and support Métis families and communities;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC specifically and urgently calls on the federal and provincial governments to work in partnership with the MN-S, Les Filles de Madelaine, and the Provincial Métis Youth Council to implement the Calls for Justice and Calls to Miskotahâ, including the establishment of a National Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudsperson and Tribunal — which will include distinctions-based mechanisms to ensure independent oversight, accountability, and accessible recourse for Métis families navigating policing, justice, and related institutions and systems; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the MN-S develop a plan that will outline the resources necessary to advance proactive, culturally grounded prevention initiatives addressing the root causes of violence, including cultural connection and gender-based approaches across policy and resource development for Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, and directs that the plan be presented to the PMC for review within one hundred and twenty (120) days.

CARRIED (260519-04)

8.3 Establishing a Standing Resolutions Committee for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution on “Establishment of a Standing Resolutions Committee for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A friendly amendment, accepted by the Mover and Seconder, to include MNLA members on the proposed committee
- The committee's composition, including a suggestion for rotating MNLA representation and the need to clearly define membership arrangements in the Terms of Reference.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Jeremy Denomie)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, including Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources, which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS Article 4(a) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* authorizes the PMC to appoint Commissions, Committees, or other subsidiary bodies deemed necessary to effectively carry out the activities and functions of the organization and Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) directives; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a standing body responsible for the review, coordination, and support of MNLA resolution submissions will enhance the effectiveness of the resolutions process and ensure procedural efficiency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC hereby establishes a Standing Resolutions Committee for the MNLA;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the Standing Resolutions Committee for the MNLA shall be appointed by the President of the MN-S;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Standing Resolutions Committee will include at a minimum, three members of the MNLA, representing each of the MN-S's northern, central, and southern Regions; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs the MN-S to develop draft terms of reference for the MNLA Resolutions Committee that will outline the role, authority, and processes of the Committee and directs that the terms of reference be presented to the PMC for approval.

CARRIED (260519-05)

Meal Break

The meeting recessed at approximately 12:00 p.m. after a Meal Blessing offered by Elder Laliberte and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

8.4 Regional Language Gatherings

Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note on “Regional Language Gatherings” dated May 13, 2026, and resolution on “Regional Language Gatherings”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Community-driven language development plans to encourage engagement
- Staff assistance for language gatherings, including event coordination and documentation
- A friendly amendment, accepted by the Mover and Seconder, to include LFDM and the PMYC as recipients of funding to support regional language gatherings
- Clarification that funding cannot be used to purchase a permanent site for gatherings
- Ongoing communication with the federal Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture regarding the use of funding
- Opportunities for partnerships and coordination among schools, Regions, and Locals.

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Brennan Merasty)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, including Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources, which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the MN-S, as the government representing the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, continues to uphold the identity, culture, values and language through its governance and institutions;

WHEREAS the PMC, at its duly held meeting on June 25, 2025, formally affirmed and recognized Métis distinction (Resolution #250625-04);

WHEREAS the PMC has expressed a desire to hold regional language gatherings to recognize Métis identity, culture, values and language;

WHEREAS MN-S Regions require funding to effectively plan and host regional language gatherings;

WHEREAS the MN-S submitted a proposal for funding under the Project/Programming called “Revitalization of Métis Culture and Language” to the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and MN-S entered into a Contribution Agreement, with a term ending in 2028, providing funding to MN-S to support the Revitalization of Métis Culture and Language;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approves the allocation of \$150,000 to each Region, Les Filles de Madelaine, and the Provincial Métis Youth Council, to assist in coordinating regional language gatherings with a focus on recognizing Métis distinction, including identity, culture, values and language.

CARRIED (260519-06)

1:30 p.m. (approximately)

President Glen McCallum departed the meeting.

8.5 Regional Métis Land Use and Occupancy Studies

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Presentation, “Province-Wide Métis Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Study (TLUOS)”, dated May 19, 2026
- Briefing Note on “Ministry of Lands & Resources, Agriculture and Environment: Province-Wide Métis Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Study” dated May 19, 2026 and resolution on “Regional Métis Land Use and Occupancy Studies”

Brent Laroque, Director, Lands and Resources, Agriculture, and Environment, reviewed the information provided regarding a proposed \$3,600,000 allocation from the Fuel Charge Proceeds Fund for Indigenous Governments toward the development of Regional Métis Land Use and Occupancy Studies. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Previous land-use studies completed on a project-by-project basis, resulting in gaps, inconsistent data, and limited province-wide information of Métis land use and occupancy
- A coordinated Region-led approach using a consistent MN-S methodology
- Proactively gathering land-use information to strengthen the MN-S’s ability to respond to major development projects
- Building stronger evidence to support the assertion of Métis Section 35 harvesting rights
- Co-developing the framework of engagement and resource allocation with Regions, and incorporating studies already underway
- A friendly amendment, accepted by the Mover and Seconder, to add the words, “to be distributed equally across all twelve (12) MN-S Regions” to the final “Be It Resolved” clause
- The need for a data-sharing agreement to define data ownership, protection, and access
- A suggestion to engage further with Locals and Regions regarding priorities before bringing the resolution back to a future PMC meeting for consideration.

Motion to Table the Resolution

It was MOVED (Marlene Hansen) and SECONDED (Beverly Fullerton)

That the Resolution titled, “Regional Métis Land-Use and Occupancy Studies” be tabled to a future Provincial Métis Council meeting.

DEFEATED

During continued discussion, comments were offered on:

- Using the available funding strategically to maximize the value of the land use and occupancy study, recognizing that resources will not allow every land user to be interviewed
- The potential value of engaging the University of Saskatchewan in data management
- Opportunities for Regional cost recovery from project proponents
- Existing and ongoing land use and occupancy studies supported by the MN-S.

It was MOVED (Darcy Lepowick) and SECONDED (Michelle LeClair)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, including Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources, which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Ministry of Lands & Resources, Agriculture and Environment proposes to allocate \$3,600,000 from the Fuel Charge Proceeds Fund for Indigenous Governments (FCPFIG) to MN-S Regional Councils for the development of Regional Métis Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Studies (TLUOS), in anticipation of future major project developments and to support the protection and advancement of Section 35 rights; and

WHEREAS funding in the amount of \$3,600,000 will be allocated to support the development of TLUOS in all twelve (12) Regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approves a budget allocation of \$3,600,000 for the development of Regional Métis TLUOS, to be distributed equally across all twelve (12) MN-S Regions.

CARRIED (260519-07)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at approximately 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted, and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

8.7 Governance Renewal Process

The resolution titled, “Governance Renewal Process”, introduced at the May 6, 2026, PMC Meeting was withdrawn by the Mover.

8.6 Defining and Affirming the Role of Métis Women in MN-S Governance

Related information (provided with the agenda): Resolution on “Defining and Affirming the Role of Métis Women in Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Governance”

Discussion ensued on friendly amendments, accepted by the Mover and Seconder, to clarify the number of working group members and establish a timeline for reporting back to the PMC.

It was MOVED (Darlene Langan) and SECONDED (Brennan Merasty)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, including Knowledge Keepers, Kihtêyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources, which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS women are the heart and soul of Métis communities, historically performing cultural and economic leadership roles essential to Métis ways of life, such as healers, midwives, and caretakers – gathering food and medicine, and maintaining connections to the land and its resources;

WHEREAS Métis women historically held positions of influence within governance structures, holding decision-makers accountable, advocating for peace and, when necessary, participating in active resistance;

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* formally establishes women’s representation across government structures, including designated roles on the PMC, in the

Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), representation on committees and commissions established by the MNLA, and more;

WHEREAS the PMC and MNLA have supported constitutional and legislative amendments to provide for the provincial election of women representatives, ensuring formalized and democratic participation of Métis women in governance (MNLA Resolution #190414-12 and PMC Resolution #241015-09) but these amendments have not yet been realized;

WHEREAS the PMC established a Women's Ad Hoc Committee in 2023 and approved terms of reference for the committee in 2024 (PMC Resolution #240521-03), with the goal of clarifying the relationship between Les Filles de Madelaine (LFDM) and the MN-S; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to renew and refocus efforts to define the relationship between LFDM and the MN-S, and to clarify the status of women's representatives in MN-S governance through a working group within the Ministry of Self-Government and Self-Determination;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC affirms the essential role of Métis women within MN-S's governance;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs the MN-S to prioritize the development of Métis women's legislation to further define, affirm, and protect the roles, authority, and jurisdiction of women's representatives within the MN-S government, and to ensure the protection of women's status and their equal participation throughout all governance structures;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs the formation of a working group, co-led by the Ministry of Self-Government and Self-Determination and the Interim President of Les Filles de Madelaine, and consisting of an additional five (5) members of the PMC, dedicated to reviewing the roles of women within the MN-S government and assisting with identification of constitutional and legislative amendments necessary to ensure the status of Métis women is upheld within the MN-S; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the working group report back to the PMC within four (4) months.

CARRIED (260519-08)

9. Chief Executive Officer Update

This item was referred for consideration during an in-camera discussion.

10. PRESENTATION: Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Presentation titled, "Draft Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act Briefing"*
- *MN-S Draft Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act*
- *Briefing Note on "Judiciary Act Engagements and Updates" dated May 19, 2026*

Kendra Gill, Director, Policy and Research, reviewed the presentation, including the legislative drafting process, proposed legislative amendments, judicial structure and appointment processes, and the proposed judicial process. An additional round of engagement is planned for Summer 2026, with the legislation anticipated to be presented to the MNLA for consideration in November 2026.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Jeremy Denomie) and SECONDED (Beverly Fullerton)

That the May 19, 2026, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Regular Provincial Métis Council now proceed to an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (260519-09)

Time: 4:00 p.m.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Rachael Heiser)

That the May 19, 2026, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Regular Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn.

CARRIED (260519-10)

Time: 4:00 p.m.



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Absent:

Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Marg Freisen, Eastern Region 3
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ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Merrilee Rasmussen, Legal Counsel*
Elder Caroline Laliberte*	

MN-S OFFICE: *(additional MN-S representatives attended as "Observers")*

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CALL TO ORDER

Darryl Bazylak, Acting Chief Operating Officer, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:25 p.m.

11. IN-CAMERA – Resolutions Authorized for Inclusion in the Regular Meeting Record

11.1 Restoration of Elected Officials from WR2 and WR3 to PMC Meetings

The following resolution (#IC-260520-02) was read into the record.

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Jeremy Denomie)

WHEREAS by resolution dated March 18, 2025 (PMC Resolution #IC-250318-03) (the “Resolution”), the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approved certain actions (“Sanctions”) arising from the findings of an investigation report regarding a harassment complaint involving the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Secretary, two MN-S Ministers, and an MN-S Associate Minister (collectively, the “Sanctioned Individuals”);

WHEREAS two of the Sanctioned Individuals were subsequently re-elected to the PMC and remain subject to certain of the Sanctions; and

WHEREAS the PMC wishes to rescind certain of the Sanctions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Resolution are hereby rescinded with immediate effect.

CARRIED (IC-260520-02)

President McCallum welcomed Regional Directors Wendy Gervais (WR3) and Sherry McLennan (WR2) to the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Rachael Heiser) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

That the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council regular meeting now adjourn, to reconvene in-camera.

CARRIED (260520-01)

Time: 2:45 p.m.

11.2 One Voice Agreements

The following resolution (IC-260520-07) was authorized for inclusion in the record of the May 20, 2026, regular meeting by the PMC during the in-camera meeting held earlier in the day.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language, including Knowledge Keepers, Kihitâyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources, which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS Northern Region 1 (NR1) and Northern Region 3 (NR3) have entered into the “United-as-One Agreement of Principles for Engaging with the Crown, Cameco Corporation and Orano Canada” and the “United-as-One Agreement of Principles for Engaging with the Crown and CanAlaska”, (collectively, the “One Voice Agreements”) towards the negotiation of Impact

Benefit Agreements (IBAs) in northern Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the IBAs that may be negotiated as a result of the One Voice Agreements will result in benefits for NR1 and NR3 in relation to the projects listed within the One Voice Agreements;

WHEREAS the MN-S provides support to NR1 and NR3 in relation to the One Voice Agreements and the negotiation of IBAs and the expenses to deliver these supports should be recouped by the MN-S upon the receipt of benefits from the IBAs; and

WHEREAS further to services rendered, proceeds from IBAs benefit the entire MN-S by supporting legal services, advocacy, program delivery, and other essential services which are not covered by existing programmatic funding, which has historically been at a rate of 15% plus cost recovery;

WHEREAS there is no province-wide standard on the rate of return to the MN-S, and the PMC recognizes these One Voice Agreements would be supported by a lower rate of return to MN-S to ensure that the majority of the benefits from the IBAs remain with the Regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that, for the One Voice Agreements listed herein, cost recovery and a return of up to 5% will be provided to the MN-S in relation to the benefits received from IBAs, to support, coordinate, and facilitate the work on duty to consult until a provincial standard policy on duty to consult and one voice agreements can be reached.

CARRIED (IC-260520-07)

CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were referenced or presented for consideration at the meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the May 19, 2026, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Briefing Note on “Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan” dated May 19, 2026
3. Resolution on, “Wicihitowin Elders Policy Development Plan”
4. Resolution on “A Call to Action on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+) across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland”
5. Resolution on “Establishment of a Standing Resolutions Committee for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)”
6. Briefing Note on “Regional Language Gatherings” dated May 13, 2026
7. Resolution on “Regional Language Gatherings”
8. Briefing Note on “Ministry of Lands & Resources, Agriculture and Environment: Province-Wide Métis Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Study” dated May 19, 2026
9. Presentation, “Province-Wide Métis Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Study (TLUOS)”, dated May 19, 2026
10. Resolution on “Regional Métis Land Use and Occupancy Studies”
11. Resolution on “Defining and Affirming the Role of Métis Women in Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Governance”
12. Presentation titled, “Draft Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act Briefing”
13. MN-S Draft “Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act”
14. Briefing Note on “Judiciary Act Engagements and Updates”, dated May 19, 2026

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
LFDM	Les Filles de Madelaine
LFMO	Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak
MMIWG2S+	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council
TLUOS	Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Study