



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**  
*scheduled April 1 and 2, 2017*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting scheduled April 1 and 2, 2017 at the Western Development Museum, Junction of Highways 16 and 40, North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

**DATE: Saturday, April 1, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair  
Glen McCallum, Co-Chair  
Lela Arnold  
Jaycee Bell  
Michael Bell  
Earl Cook  
May Henderson (departed at 4:30 p.m.)  
Helene Johnson

Shelly Kapell  
Billy Kennedy  
Derek Langan  
Darlene McKay  
Tammy Mah (departed at 3:15 p.m.)  
Lennard Morin (departed at 2:50 p.m.)  
Robert St. Pierre  
Shannon Unrau

**ABSENT:**

Louis Gardiner

**OBSERVERS:**

Valerie Bell  
Wendy Bissonette  
Lana Bonner  
Carol Delorme  
Connie Haduik  
Penny Hurton

Karen Larocque  
Sherry McLennan  
Crystal Racette-Miller  
Myrtle Racette  
Bonnie Vandale

**ALSO PRESENT:**

President Clément Chartier, Métis National Council (MNC)  
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer  
Kyle Vermette, MN-S Consultant  
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 4) (arrived at 11:40 a.m. and departed at 11:50 a.m.)

**MN-S ELECTIONS OFFICE:**

Luisa Kloshinsky, Office Manager (arrived at 1:00 p.m. and departed at 3:30 p.m.)  
Gwen LaFond, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer (arrived at 1:00 p.m. and departed at 3:30 p.m.)  
Loretta Metzger, Chief Electoral Officer (arrived at 1:00 p.m. and departed at 3:30 p.m.)

**ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:**

Michael Campbell

Evan Shoforost

**INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVES:**

Cassandra Eby, Program Officer

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**WELCOMING COMMENTS and OPENING PRAYER**

Vice-President Morin called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Glen McCallum offered an Opening Prayer.

**CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Vice-President Morin led the meeting in a round of self-introductions and confirmed that a quorum was present.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the April 1 and 2, 2017 meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-01)**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Jaycee Bell)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its April 1 and 2, 2017 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Review of the Minutes:
  - 3.1 Minutes of the February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 PMC Meeting
    - Review of the Minutes
    - Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 3.2 Minutes of the March 17, 2017 PMC Meeting
    - Review of the Minutes
    - Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 3.3 Minutes of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly / General Assembly
4. Legal Update
5. Election
6. Métis National Council President Clément Chartier

7. Updates
  - 7.1 EY, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer
  - 7.2 Update from the Federal Government
  - 7.3 Kyle Vermette – Engagements / Economic Development Strategy
  - 7.4 Crown-Métis Nation Summit – April 13, 2017 Back to Batoche
  - 7.5 Back to Batoche
  - 7.6 MHRDA – ASETS
  - 7.7 Understanding the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process
  - 7.8 Métis Rights
  - 7.9 Youth Council – Interim President Jaycee Bell
  - 7.10 Les Filles de Madelaine – President Tammy Mah
8. Resolutions
  - 8.1 MNC General Assembly April 28-29, 2017
9. Other Business
  - 9.1 NORTEP
  - 9.2 Next Meeting Date.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-02)**

#### **AGENDA VARIED**

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

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS**

**It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Glen McCallum and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the April 1 and 2, 2017 meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-03)**

#### **3. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

##### **3.1 Minutes of the February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 PMC Meeting**

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The resolution on Page 8 will be changed to indicate Derek Langan voting in opposition to the resolution, rather than abstaining from the vote
- As directed on Page 7, Vice-President Morin wrote to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) requesting an opportunity to engage in regional exploratory discussions leading to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights.

**Request for Action**

*It was requested that the recommendation from Western Region III appointing Juanita Taharsky to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors, be forwarded to the PMC for information. Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, agreed to assist Lela Arnold in coordinating its distribution.*

**It was MOVED (Michael Bell) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of the February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 meeting, with an amendment to indicate Derek Langan voting in opposition to the resolution on Page 8, rather than abstaining from the vote.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-04)**

**3.2 Minutes of the March 17, 2017 PMC Meeting**

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the March 17, 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the March 17, 2017 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

**10:23 a.m.**

Shannon Unrau left the meeting.

**It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of March 17, 2017 meeting, with the following amendments to the attendance list:

- Indicate Vice-President Gerald Morin as “Chair”, and
- Omit “Co-Chair” from beside Helene Johnson’s name.

**CARRIED (170401-05)**

(May Henderson and Derek Langan voted in opposition)

(Shannon Unrau was absent at the time of the vote)

**3.3 Minutes of the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly/General Assembly**

The Minutes of the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly / General Assembly were provided for information.

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. Shannon Unrau was absent when the meeting resumed.

It was confirmed that MNC President Clément Chartier attended the March 17, 2017 MN-S PMC Meeting as an Observer.

**6. UPDATE FROM THE MÉTIS NATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLÉMENT CHARTIER**

MNC President Chartier provided the following updates on activities that had occurred since his previous report to the MN-S PMC:

- Commitments in Budget 2017 announced on March 22, 2017, were less than anticipated for the Métis Nation
- Concerns related to Budget 2017 have been conveyed to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; the Prime Minister's response indicated that there may be money elsewhere in the federal budget for the Métis Nation
- Budget 2017 included \$84.9 million over five years to support Métis organizations in building governance capacity and working towards Métis self-government; nothing was specifically allocated for Métis citizens
- A committee of Ministers led by the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, will review policies as they affect Indigenous peoples
- The Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, has indicated that funding will be available to the Métis Nation, for early childhood learning

**11:10 a.m.**

Shannon Unrau joined the meeting.

- Five delegates from each of the Governing Members will attend the April 13, 2017 Crown-Métis Nation Summit with the Prime Minister and some of his key Cabinet Ministers (potentially including the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance); Vice-President Gerald Morin and other delegates will represent the MN-S at the meeting
- The "Canada-Métis Nation Agreement to Advance Reconciliation" is intended to confirm a mutual understanding on how the relationship will proceed; it is understood that the agreement will be signed by the Prime Minister
- The next MNC General Assembly is scheduled April 28-29, 2017 in Winnipeg; the Election of the National President is scheduled April 28, 2017.

During discussion, President Chartier confirmed that he had written to the Prime Minister requesting support for surviving Métis veterans.

**11:40 a.m.**

Jay Watson joined the meeting via teleconference.

**4. UPDATE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL**

*Related information: Correspondence from Jay Watson, Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson to Randal Touet, The W Law Group, dated March 21, 2017*

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, provided the following updates on activities that had occurred since his previous report to the MN-S PMC:

- An order was granted by Justice Smith in January 2017, directing the MN-S affiliates to submit financial and other information for review
- After reviewing the documents submitted, it was apparent that although some of the information was received, further information was required for financial reporting

- Notices were subsequently sent to the respondents' legal representatives, seeking dates they and their clients could attend questioning (likely in the Court Reporter's office) with respect to their responses to the Order of Justice Smith.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Watson confirmed that:

- An update has not yet been received from the Court, related to the tenant at Batoche
- Nothing further has been received related to The W Law Group's claim against the MN-S.

**11:50 a.m.**

Jay Watson left the meeting.

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

### **6. UPDATE FROM THE MÉTIS NATIONAL COUNCIL (Continued)**

MNC President Chartier reviewed cases that the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation was defending (on a pro bono basis), including cases related to hunting and fishing rights.

### **5. ELECTION UPDATE**

Loretta Metzger, Chief Electoral Officer, introduced Gwen LaFond, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer and Luisa Kloshinsky, Office Manager. Chief Electoral Officer Metzger provided information on the 2017 MN-S Election Process, including:

- Although the list of candidates will be confirmed after the nominations close on April 27, 2017, campaigning can begin at anytime
- A list of poll locations has been drafted, and will be reviewed with the PMC
- Voters will register to vote with a Registration Officer, provide identification confirming residency, and sign a declaration form confirming their eligibility to vote
- Regional Returning Offices are situated in areas with a high Métis population
- Regional Returning Officers and their Assistants will begin on April 18, 2017 after a two day training session in Saskatoon (April 18 and 19, 2017)
- The nomination period begins April 22, 2017 and closes April 27, 2017 (forms are online)
- Voting eligibility:
  - Any Métis citizen can vote **once**, if they can prove they are over the age of 16, reside in Saskatchewan (in the region they are voting in), are not affiliated with another Aboriginal group, and believe they would be accepted into the Métis Nation
- Voting opportunities:
  - May 12-19, 2017: Early Voting (in the Regional Returning Offices)
  - May 20, 2017: Advance Polls and Mobile Polls
  - May 27, 2017: Election Day
- To prevent duplicate votes, the Returning Officer and Assistant will enter the names (and ballot numbers) of voters who have cast ballots into a program, creating the Voters List:
  - The first Voters List will print on May 19, 2017 (from the Early Voting process)
  - The second Voters List will print on May 20, 2017 (adding names of voters participating in the Advance Polls)
  - Candidates can submit a form to the Regional Returning Officers requesting an early Voters List (name and address only); the Voters List will be available to candidates only on May 23, 2017.

In response to questions raised, the following comments were offered:

- Information on the election will be posted on the MN-S website; an ad will be posted in the “Eagle Feather”; there may be free radio ads; locals will receive MN-S Election 2017 posters
- Nomination papers need to be submitted with a criminal record check form, and \$100 (certified cheque or money order)
- The declaration form to be signed by voters prior to voting requires a name, address and region
- Eligible voters can vouch for up to two people who lack identification
- Either the Candidate or their Scrutineer can witness ballot counting on Advance Poll Day and Election Day
- Some voters may need assistance in voting (i.e. Elderly citizens); after signing an oath, someone can assist a voter in casting a ballot (but only for one person)
- Homebound voters can request a Mobile Poll (at least seven days in advance) to come to their home; their caregivers may be able to vote at the same time (to be confirmed)
- The Complaints Officer will consider any allegations of fraud.

Chief Electoral Officer Metzger and her colleagues examined regional maps with each of the Regional Chairs at the meeting. They reviewed regional boundaries and the proposed locations for polls and Regional Returning Offices.

#### **9.1 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)**

Earl Cook confirmed that in 2016, the Provincial Government advised that funding previously directed to NORTEP, would be redirected to another post-secondary provider in July 2017. After receiving some suggestions from NORTEP, Provincial Government subsequently announced that the funding would be redirected to Northlands College.

### **8. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **8.2 Nation-to-Nation Process**

*Related on-table information: Resolution titled “Nation-to-Nation Process”*

#### **It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) endorses the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Métis Nation has long been calling for the recognition of its rights, including the right to self-determination and a land base;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has affirmed that the Métis are a full-fledged rights-bearing Aboriginal people, possessing amongst other matters, the right to determine its own citizenship and are in a fiduciary relationship with the Federal Government, as well as owed the Crown’s honour and fall within s.91(24) of the Canadian Constitution;

AND WHEREAS the Trudeau government is prepared to enter into a Crown-Métis Nation s.35 rights reconciliation process with the Métis Nation Council and its Governing Members;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the MN-S PMC endorses this nation-to-nation approach and mandates the Métis Nation leadership to ensure that the Métis Nation integrity and position as a people is not weakened in any manner by this process, but that it in fact be strengthened;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT henceforth, the term “Métis Nation” shall be used at the national level in all communications, meetings, interactions, signage, etc. in all dealing of the Métis Nation;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this reversion to the use of the “Métis Nation” does not alter the fact that the Métis Nation is represented nationally by the Métis Nation Council and regionally by its Governing Members.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-06)**

### **8.3 MN-S President – Abandonment of Position**

The meeting reviewed a related resolution passed at the March 17, 2017 PMC Meeting. It was suggested that future consideration be given to amending the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to include a section on “Resignation”.

#### **It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) endorses the following resolution:

WHEREAS Mr. Robert Doucette has not attended any of the six Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meetings since the July 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) held in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, being the PMC meetings held on September 10-11, 2016; October 22-23, 2016; December 3-4, 2016; December 30, 2016; January 14-15, 2017; and February 11-12, 2017, as well as not attending the February 18-19, 2017 MNLA and General Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert Doucette has not attended the last two sittings of the Métis National Council General Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert Doucette handed out a President’s Report to the July 2016 MNLA wherein he stated it was his “final report in any capacity for the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan (sic)” and that he was “ending this chapter of [his] life”;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert Doucette in September 2016 returned the MN-S cell phone to the head office;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the PMC does not recognize Mr. Robert Doucette as President of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan as he has effectively abandoned the position of President and is no longer entitled to serve in that capacity;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Robert Doucette is no longer entitled to receive any form of notice or communication, including from the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and/or Ernst & Young, and is no longer entitled to reimbursement of expenses, as he is no longer serving as the President of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

**CARRIED (170401-07)**

(May Henderson, Derek Langan and Shannon Unrau voted in opposition)



**8.1 April 28-29, 2017 Métis National Council General Assembly**

Mavis Taylor, CEO, acknowledged that 15 delegates could represent the MN-S PMC at the April 28-29, 2017 MNC General Assembly in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**It was MOVED (Michael Bell) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) requests the following 15 delegates represent the PMC at the April 28-29, 2017 Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly in Winnipeg, Manitoba: Lela Arnold, Jaycee Bell, Michael Bell, Earl Cook, Helene Johnson, Shelly Kapell, Billy Kennedy, Derek Langan, Glen McCallum, Darlene McKay, Tammy Mah, Gerald Morin, Lennard Morin, Robert St. Pierre, and Shannon Unrau (with Jimmy Derocher, Angela Poitras and Darlene Berube attending as alternates, if required).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-08)**

**2:50 p.m.**

Lennard Morin left the meeting.

**7.4 April 13, 2017 Crown-Métis Nation Summit**

Mavis Taylor, CEO, acknowledged that five delegates could represent the MN-S PMC at the April 13, 2017 MNC Crown-Métis Nation Summit, in Ottawa, Ontario.

**It was MOVED (Jaycee Bell) and SECONDED (Robert St. Pierre)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) requests the following five delegates represent the MN-S PMC at the April 13, 2017 Crown-Métis Nation Summit in Ottawa, Ontario: Michael Bell, Glen McCallum, Darlene McKay, Gerald Morin and Kyle Vermette.

**CARRIED (170401-09)**

(May Henderson, Helene Johnson, Derek Langan, and Shannon Unrau voted in opposition)

**7.5 Back to Batoche 2017**

**7.5.1 Back to Batoche Festival Committee 2017 - Membership**

During discussion regarding the Back to Batoche Festival Committee 2017, comments were offered on:

- Significant preparations required prior to Back to Batoche 2017
- Benefits of maintaining consistent documentation of committee meetings to track decisions made, budgets approved and agreements achieved
- The success of Back to Batoche 2016 (including payment of taxes owed).

Darlene McKay, former Chair, Back to Batoche Festival Committee 2016, explained that she had reconsidered her prior resignation, and was interested in the position of Chairperson, Back to Batoche Festival Committee 2017.

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that:

- The Back to Batoche Committee 2017 (affirmed at the September 10 and 11, 2017 PMC Meeting) be dissolved; and
- A new Back to Batoche Committee 2017 be established, inclusive of the following members: Darlene McKay (Chair), Lela Arnold, Jaycee Bell, Earl Cook, Billy Kennedy and Glen McCallum.

**CARRIED (170401-10)**

(May Henderson, Helene Johnson, Tammy Mah, Robert St. Pierre and Shannon Unrau opposed)

**7.5.2 Back to Batoche 2017 – Contribution – Clarence Campeau Development Fund**

The meeting was informed that a resolution was required to request funds available through the Clarence Campeau Development Fund for Back to Batoche 2017.

**It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the Clarence Campeau Development Fund be requested to contribute \$50,000 to Back to Batoche 2017, and to provide access to additional funding available (i.e. \$400,000 to \$500,000) for improvements required to the Batoche grounds.

**CARRIED (170401-11)**

(May Henderson voted in opposition)

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. Tammy Mah was absent when the meeting resumed.

**5. ELECTION UPDATE (Continued)**

Chief Electoral Officer Metzger presented samples of MN-S Election 2017 posters to be displayed at Regional Returning Offices and other locations, as required.

It was suggested that the PMC consider a storage location for the ballot boxes, which must be retained post-election for one year. Some of the materials required during the election (signage, etc.) may be used again in future elections.

**3:30 p.m.**

Chief Electoral Officer Metzger, Luisa Kloshinsky and Gwen LaFond departed the meeting.

**8.4 Motion on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Métis Nation Joining Canada**

*Related on-table information: Resolution titled “2020: The Métis Nation’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joining Canada”*

The meeting reviewed a resolution provided for consideration, related to the 2020 celebration of the Métis Nation joining Canada in 1870.

**It was MOVED (Jaycee Bell) and SECONDED (Helene Johnson)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council endorse the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Métis Nation joined the Canadian Federation in 1870 under the government of President Louis Riel through the *Manitoba Act, 1870* and the *Rupert's Land Order, 1870*;

AND WHEREAS THE Métis Nation is desirous of marking this milestone through various ways and means;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the MN-S PMC hereby adopts the following plan of action:

1. A National Commemoration Committee shall be established to undertake the work necessary for organizing the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities, with the Manitoba Metis Federation taking the lead role;
2. The organizing of the 150<sup>th</sup> collaborative commemoration activities throughout the Métis Nation Homeland, including Métis Crossing (Alberta in August), Batoche Days (Saskatchewan in July), November 16 at President Riel's gravesite and MMF House (Métis Nation), and Métis Celebration (Lewistown, Montana in September);
3. The honouring of 150 Métis Nation citizens (Veterans, Elders, Senators, Youth, Women Leaders, etc.) for their contributions to the health and well-being of the people of the Métis Nation through the bestowing of a commemoration medal specifically designed for that purpose;
4. The organizing of a Michif National Conference on Métis Heritage, Culture and Language;
5. Establishment of a Louis Riel Michif Institute and companion Endowment Fund;
6. Engaging in speaking tours to showcase the Métis Nation;
7. The organizing of an International Indigenous Youth Conference which will showcase the Métis Nation;
8. Métis Nation youth summer games at Batoche;
9. Métis Nation youth winter games at \_\_\_\_\_;
10. A phased plan for re-establishing the Métis Nation government in the historic Red River Settlement, now the City of Winnipeg, will be implemented, including:
  - a) Leading up to 2020 (November 2018) declaring the third provisional government
  - b) On May 12, 2020, in the National Assembly, declaring the government of the Métis Nation, based on a newly adopted Constitution
  - c) The relocation of the Métis government headquarters
  - d) The establishment of a permanent National Assembly [Hall]
  - e) The housing of the National Registry office, and
  - f) The opening of a Métis Nation [Embassy] [Relations Office] in Ottawa; and
11. The adoption and celebration of a Métis Nation Constitution.

**CARRIED (170401-12)**

(May Henderson, Derek Langan and Shannon Unrau voted in opposition)

**7.3 Kyle Vermette – Engagements and MN-S Economic Development Strategy**

It was suggested that the existing contracts with Kyle Vermette, which concluded on March 31, 2017, be extended to June 30, 2017. Mr. Vermette agreed to report at the next PMC Meeting on the activities he had undertaken on the MN-S' behalf.

**It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Robert St. Pierre)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council extend the existing contracts with Kyle Vermette from March 31, 2017 to June 30, 2017, for the following activities:

- Developing a MN-S Economic Development Strategy
- Representing the MN-S in the Government of Canada’s review of the following:
  - *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*
  - *Navigation Protection Act*
  - Fish Habitat Protection
  - National Energy Board modernization.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-13)**

**7.1 Ernst & Young / Finance Committee / Chief Executive Officer**

**7.1.1 Chief Executive Officer**

Ms. Taylor reported that a condition of the MN-S receiving funding from the Federal Government was the newly elected PMC’s participation in a one-week board governance training session in Banff, Alberta, at a total cost of approximately \$100,000. INAC had agreed to assist in setting up the session.

**7.1.2 Ernst & Young (EY)**

*Related information:*

- *“Estate General Ledger Report for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.”, dated March 30, 2017*
- *“Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to March 30, 2017” with the attached “List of Expenses”*
- *Sample Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Election Poster*
- *Court Order (Court File No. QB No. 211 of 2016) Affidavit of Robert Doucette, dated December 19, 2016*
- *Printed copy of a draft overhead presentation titled “EY Preliminary Findings – Report on findings from Round Prairie Ventures Inc. and Provincial Métis Housing Corporation”, dated April 1, 2017*
- *Excerpt from a Deloitte LLP report for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, listing some outstanding issues and considerations*
- *Binder of documents submitted by Kelsey O’Brien, McKercher LLP Barristers & Solicitors, on behalf of the Director of Provincial Métis Holdco Inc. and BTB Land Management*
- *Binder of documents submitted by Randal C. Touet, The W Law Group, on behalf of the Director of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation Inc. and Round Prairie Ventures Incorporated*

Evan Shoforost, EY, reviewed the Estate General Ledger Report, noting that a small surplus was anticipated after the payables had been processed.

Mr. Shoforost acknowledged Legal Counsel’s efforts to obtain financial information from the MN-S affiliates, and a resulting Court Order directing the affiliates to comply. Some of the information requested was subsequently provided.

The meeting reviewed and discussed information included in the draft overhead presentation titled “EY Preliminary Finding – Report on findings from Round Prairie Ventures Inc. and Provincial Métis Housing Corporation”, and offered comments regarding:

- Contracts MN-S entered into with Round Prairie Ventures Inc. (RPVI) for financial services
- Payments to RPVI for financial services
- Financial assets of RPVI
- Amalgamation of RPVI and Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC) in 2015
- Funds transferred from RPVI to the PMHC in 2016.

#### **Change in Chair**

Co-Chair McCallum assumed the Chair at 4:15 p.m.

During further discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Payments issued to RPVI for functions also occurring within the MN-S office
- Requests submitted to the PMHC for cash flow information
- The MN-S’ ownership of its affiliates, and accompanying voting rights
- Additional questions raised by the information received.

Mr. Shoforost confirmed that after reviewing the minute books of PMHC and RPVI, financial statements of RPVI and other information, additional details were required (and were being pursued by Legal Counsel) to provide adequate financial transparency to the PMC.

#### **4:30 p.m.**

May Henderson left the meeting.

#### **Change in Chair**

Co-Chair Morin assumed the Chair at 4:30 p.m.

#### **It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Robert St. Pierre)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council receives and approves all printed and verbal reports and information provided under agenda Item 7.1 – “Updates from Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer”, including:

- Budget and financial information in the statements titled:
  - “Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to March 31, 2017” with the attached “List of Expenses”; and
  - The “Estate General Ledger Report”, dated March 31, 2017; and
- Binders of documentation submitted by:
  - Kelsey O’Brien, McKercher LLP Barristers & Solicitors, on behalf of the Director of Provincial Métis Holdco Inc. and BTB Land Management
  - Randal C. Touet, The W Law Group, on behalf of the Director of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation Inc. and Round Prairie Ventures Incorporated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-14)**

## **7.2 Federal Government**

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, acknowledged MNC President Chartier's earlier comments, that MNC officials anticipated more from Budget 2017.

Budget 2017 included \$84.9 million over five years to support Métis organizations in building governance capacity and working towards Métis self-government. Funding available for the MNC and its Governing Members over the next five years, was acknowledged. He referenced a commitment made to compile an analysis of the funding allocated to the Métis Nation (for the MNC Board of Governors' review), prior to the April 13, 2017 Crown-Métis Nation Summit.

Mr. Quintal further announced that Ian Ketcheson had accepted a new role with INAC, as Director of Indigenous-Crown Relationships.

Discussion ensued on:

- Funding anticipated in the first year, to be shared by the MNC and Governing Members (\$16 million), which will increase over the next five years
- The MNC Board of Governors' determination on how the funding will be allocated
- Significant gaps in funding between allocations specifically for First Nations and the Métis Nation.

## **7.8 Métis Rights**

The meeting was informed that the next Métis Rights Panel meeting will be held in July 2017.

## **7.9 Youth Council**

This item was not considered

## **7.10 Les Filles de Madelaine**

This item was not considered

## **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

## **7.3 Kyle Vermette – Engagements and MN-S Economic Development Strategy (Continued)**

### **7.3.1 MN-S Economic Development Strategy - Update**

Mr. Vermette offered a brief update on the status of the MN-S Economic Development Strategy, noting that:

- Discussions had ensued with representatives from some regions
- Dialogue will be scheduled with representatives from SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation and the Clarence Campeau Development Fund
- A full report will be presented at the next PMC meeting.

### **7.3.2 Canadian Environmental Assessment Act review processes - Update**

Mr. Vermette agreed to provide an update on the status of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* review processes at the next PMC meeting.

## **7.6 MHRDA – ASETS**

This item was not considered.

## **7.7 Understanding the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process**

Mr. Vermette referenced the conference that he and Helene Johnson attended, noting that:

- The “Understanding the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process” conference, held March 8 and 9, 2017 in Membertou, Nova Scotia, presented an interesting model
- To assist the consultation process, a software process was developed that was able to efficiently catalogue consultation requests received
- Future consideration could be given (with INAC’s support) to exploring how to utilize some of the processes shared at the conference
- A full presentation will be provided at the next PMC Meeting.

## **9.3 Next Meeting Date**

It was agreed that the next PMC meeting would be held April 22-23, 2017 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

## **CONCLUSION**

### **It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Robert St. Pierre)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled April 1 and 2, 2017, now conclude.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170401-15)**

(Time: April 1, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.)

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## **LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were provided for information at the meeting:*

1. Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting held February 11, 12, and 17, 2017
2. Minutes of the MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held February 18 and 19, 2017
3. Minutes of the MN-S General Assembly held February 19, 2017
4. Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting held March 17, 2017
5. List of Delegates attending the MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held February 18 and 19, 2017
6. Presentation provided by EY at the MN-S Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held February 18 and 19, 2017
7. Report from the President, dated August 2016
8. Information related to Budget 2017, “Part 2 – Furthering partnerships with Indigenous Peoples”
9. Bylaw of the Métis Women of Saskatchewan Inc., dated 1995
10. Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak Bylaws, undated
11. Correspondence from Jay Watson, Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson to Randal Touet, The W Law Group, dated March 21, 2017
12. “Métis Economic Development Proposal, for MNS Secretariat Inc.”, prepared by Kyle Vermette
13. “Amending Agreement No. 0008 for the Funding Agreement No. 1415-HQ-000097”, from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, dated March 17, 2017
14. Correspondence from MNC President Chartier to Prime Minister Trudeau related to Budget 2017, dated March 27, 2017
15. “Back to Batoche Financial Report – 2015”

16. "Estate General Ledger Report for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.", related to Back to Batoche, dated February 27, 2017
17. "Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to February 27, 2017" related to Back to Batoche, with the attached "List of Expenses"
18. Correspondence between PMC members, EY representatives related to Back to Batoche 2017 and other matters, dated February 28, 2017 to March 1, 2017
19. Invoice for "Facility Rental" at Batoche 2016, dated February 28, 2017
20. Correspondence requested MN-S' recognition of Mike Tanton, as Youth Ambassador for the North American Indigenous Games 2017
21. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008
22. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, amended September 9, 2008
23. Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, as amended February 18-19, 2017
24. "Estate General Ledger Report for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.", dated March 30, 2017 with the attached "List of Expenses"
25. "Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to March 30, 2017"
26. "Estate General Ledger Report for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.", related to Back to Batoche 2016, dated March 30, 2017
27. Poster for the "Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Election 2017"
28. Affidavit of Robert Doucette dated December 19, 2016 (QB No. 2111 of 2016)
29. Binder of information items submitted by Kelsey O'Brien, McKercher LLP Barristers & Solicitors, on behalf of the Director of Provincial Métis Holdco Inc. and BTB Land Management
30. Binder of information items submitted by Randal C. Touet, The W Law Group, on behalf of the Director of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation Inc. and Round Prairie Ventures Incorporated.