



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**  
*scheduled August 26 and 27, 2017*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting scheduled August 26 and 27, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 3580 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

**DATE: Saturday, August 26, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Glen McCallum, President, Co-Chair  
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair  
Lisa McCallum, Secretary  
Mary Ann Morin, Treasurer  
Jaycee Bell, Youth  
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3  
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1  
Earl Cook, Northern Region 1  
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3  
Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A  
Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A  
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2  
Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine  
(arrived at 10:54 a.m.)  
Rebecca Major, Western Region 2A  
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2  
Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2

**REGRETS:**

Loretta King, Western Region 1

**OBSERVERS** *(as indicated on the sign-in sheet circulated at the meeting):*

Sandy Friesen	Dakota McLeod
Claude Girardeau	Faye Maurice
Patrick Girardeau	Gordon Morin
Dale Hallderson	Terry Siedler
Kevin Janvier	Reina Sinclair
Floyd McCallum	Elton Soll
Verna McCallum	Bonnie Vandale

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Senator Nora Cummings  
Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Legal Counsel (arrived at 11:10 a.m. and departed at 1:21 p.m.)

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

Michael Campbell

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

Charles Marcoux, Senior Consultation Advisor

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations (departed at 2:58 p.m.)  
Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer (departed at 2:58 p.m.)

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**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.

**1. WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER**

President Glen McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Senator Nora Cummings offered an Opening Prayer.

**2. SWEARING IN OF SECRETARY**

Senator Nora Cummings led a swearing-in ceremony for recently elected Secretary Lisa McCallum.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF CO-CHAIRS**

**It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-01)**

**8. UPDATES**

**8.1 President Report – Portfolios**

President McCallum offered comments regarding:

- The MN-S budget being set, with the guidance of the Treasurer
- A “Citizenship” motion passed at a recent Métis National Council (MNC) meeting
- The opening of five regional offices in addition to the opening of the Saskatoon MN-S office
- INAC representatives’ assistance leading up to the reinstatement of the MN-S’ funding
- An upcoming meeting scheduled with the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) President and Registry staff, which President McCallum and Secretary McCallum will attend.

**Change in Chair**

Co-Chair Gerald Morin assumed the Chair at 9:41 a.m.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF RECORDING SECRETARY**

**It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-02)**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Co-Chair Morin confirmed that a quorum was present.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the following Agenda for its August 26-27, 2017 meeting:

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Swearing in of Secretary
3. Confirmation of Quorum
4. Confirmation of Chair and Co-Chair
5. Confirmation of Recording Secretary
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Review of Minutes (July 18, 2017 PMC Meeting)
  - 7.1 Adoption of Minutes
  - 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
8. Updates
  - 8.1 President Report—Portfolios
  - 8.2 Vice-President Report
  - 8.3 Secretary Report
  - 8.4 Treasurer/Finance Committee-Budget/Workplan/Contribution Agreement
  - 8.5 Ernst & Young Report
  - 8.6 Section 35 Update
  - 8.7 UPIP Update
9. Ministers Reports
10. Regional Representatives Reports
11. MNLA
12. Other
  - 12.1 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry
13. Next Meeting
14. Adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-03)**

**7. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**7.1 July 18, 2017 PMC Meeting**

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the motions contained in the draft minutes of the July 18, 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

**It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of its July 18, 2017 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-04)**

## **8.2 Vice-President Report**

Vice-President Gerald Morin offered comments regarding:

- Negotiations at the national level towards substantive agreements related to: early learning and child care, economic development, education and training, a Métis National Housing Strategy, etc.
- MOUs signed by all MNC Governing Members:
  - MMF has also signed a legal framework agreement establishing a negotiating table in Manitoba to move ahead on reconciliation between Manitoba and Canada
  - A priority item between MMF and Canada, on the allegation that the Federal Crown did not act honourably in implementing the 1.4 million acres of land promised to Métis
  - Other Governing Members now contemplating similarly resourced tables through a legal framework agreement
- Recognition of the assistance provided by the Federal Government leading up to the recent MN-S election process.

He further confirmed that MN-S had its first formal meeting with Canada on August 25, 2017. A letter from Joe Wild, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treaties and Aboriginal Government, INAC (sent on behalf of the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of INAC) referred to Canada's interest in exploring a table on Métis rights and interests in Saskatchewan.

## **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:54 a.m. Tammy Mah was present when the meeting resumed.

## **8.3 Secretary Report**

Secretary McCallum offered comments regarding:

- Regional meetings she attended in Saskatoon and in Île-à-la-Crosse
- The relocation of the MN-S office and the assistance of the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI)
- Efforts to review the MN-S Human Resources Policies with GDI
- Collaboration with GDI's Human Resources Department on drafting job descriptions for the following MN-S positions: Chief Executive Officer, Executive Assistant and Receptionist (the Receptionist position may be filled by September 5, 2017)
- The intent to discuss with a broker: liability insurance for the PMC and staff health benefits
- Other Governing Members' board-related policies (i.e. Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics)
- Updates planned to the MN-S website with the assistance of Ernst & Young (EY)
- A preference for seeking board governance training within Saskatchewan, focused on regional core governance
- Appreciation for representatives of the Federal Government and EY for their continued support of the MN-S.

## **11:10 a.m.**

Kathy Hodgson-Smith arrived at the meeting.

## **8.4 Treasurer/Finance Committee – Budget/Workplan/Contribution Agreement**

Treasurer Mary-Ann Morin offered comments regarding:

- PMC members' role to represent Métis citizens in their region
- A registry budget proposed by the Secretary, which proposes six new offices and 10 new jobs at the community level

- The importance of seeking legal counsel's review of any contracts considered on behalf of Métis citizens
- The need for expertise in the area of Duty to Consult, to help advise the regions.

Discussion ensued on whether the MN-S is exploring a provincial Duty to Consult protocol/framework and hiring a consultant to assist, or whether the regions could contract locally. It was further noted that:

- The MN-S offers expertise at the provincial level; collaboration is beneficial
- Matters involving the health authorities should be brought to the PMC table to consider
- Duty to Consult information could flow from the provincial level, to the regional level to the community level
- Some regions, including Eastern Region 3, address Duty to Consult locally and have a good governance structure to address projects
- Previously, proponents could proceed through the MN-S office and provide remuneration for community engagement (which did not always get disseminated locally as intended)
- A policy is needed to inform Regional Presidents and councils on matters related to Duty to Consult.

#### ***Request for Action***

*It was requested that Charles Marcoux, Senior Consultation Advisor, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, forward the MN-S' "Duty to Consult and Accommodate" legislation ratified in 2009 to all PMC members for information.*

#### **8.6 Section 35 Update**

Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Legal Counsel, offered comments regarding:

- The MN-S' August 25, 2017 meeting with Canada under the Recognition, Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Tables (RIRSD)
- The need for Canada to begin negotiations with each of the Governing Members on the implementation of Métis rights
- MMF's MOU with Canada, which identifies benchmarks the MN-S could consider
- Members of the MN-S negotiating team, including the MN-S President, Vice President, Secretary, Minister of Environment, Leonard Montgrand, and Kathy Hodgson-Smith
- Dates of note:
  - September 6, 2017: Negotiating Team teleconference
  - September 22, 2017: in-person meeting of the Negotiating Team in Saskatoon
  - October 1, 2017: finalization of a three-page with workplan and budget
  - Late November 2017: finalization of the MOU
  - Late November/early December 2017: signing of the MOU at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA).

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- Understanding the Inherent Rights Policy will assist the MN-S having a rights-driven agenda
- A focus on core governance and maintaining an ongoing Government-to-Government fiscal relationship will be beneficial
- Consider the history of land claims in the north, and using the Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Council's land claim as a test case.

**It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)**

WHEREAS the Federal Government has committed to engaging the Governing Members of the Métis National Council in regional exploratory discussions leading to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has entered into a Framework Agreement with the Manitoba Metis Federation, as well as MOUs with the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Métis Nation of Ontario respectively for the above-stated purpose; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has begun discussions with the Métis Nation British Columbia for that same purpose; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan has undertaken an introductory meeting and has had its first meeting of the Recognition, Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Table;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that President Glen McCallum and Vice-President Gerald Morin be hereby directed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Canada, on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, and to enter into negotiations toward resolution and recognition of Métis Nation constitutional and other rights and objectives.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-05)**

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:21 p.m. Kathy Hodgson-Smith was absent when the meeting resumed.

**8.5 Ernst & Young (EY) Report**

Michael Campbell, EY, offered comments regarding additional office space secured in Saskatoon to store MN-S registry information and other materials, adjacent to the new MN-S office.

Mr. Campbell reviewed information provided in the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, and offered comments regarding:

- A \$200,000 loan secured to carry the MN-S until Federal Government funding is received
- Board training tentatively scheduled for September 26-27, 2017 in Jasper, Alberta; \$100,000 was budgeted for this however, actual costs have not yet been confirmed.

Discussion ensued on the process for accessing the \$3,000/month available for the regional offices, to support regional efforts to reach out to Métis citizens. Treasurer Morin confirmed her intent to contact each of the regions to provide initial information, and welcomed any further inquiries regarding this funding until the appointment of the MN-S Chief Executive Officer.

During discussion on the board governance training being arranged in Jasper, Alberta, comments were offered regarding:

- The feasibility of seeking board governance training through an alternate provider in Saskatchewan (i.e. at the University of Saskatchewan or through Browns Institute)
- Funding allocated for board governance training to be spent prior to March 31, 2018
- Coordinating a PMC retreat with the board governance training, preferably on a weekend

- Benefits of the PMC meeting in an isolated location with minimal distractions
- Board governance training tentatively scheduled September 25-27, 2017.

In response to a question raised, it was confirmed that no additional funding had been specifically allocated for regions to provide board governance training for Regional Councils.

**It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) direct Ernst & Young to arrange for the PMC’s board governance training in Jasper, Alberta (date to be determined).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-06)**  
(Secretary McCallum abstained from the vote)

**It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts and approves as presented, all reports and information provided under the following agenda items:

- Item 8.1 President Report—Portfolios
- Item 8.2 Vice-President Report
- Item 8.3 Secretary Report
- Item 8.4 Treasurer/Finance Committee-Budget/Workplan/Contribution Agreement
- Item 8.5 Ernst & Young Report
- Item 8.6 Section 35 Update.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-07)**

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council defers consideration of the “Minister Reports” and “Regional Representative Reports” to August 27, 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-08)**

**ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING**

**It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting be adjourned to in-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-09)**  
(Time: 1:50 p.m.)

**REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED**

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:58 p.m. Co-Chair Morin confirmed a quorum was present. Richard Quintal and Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, INAC, were absent when the Regular Meeting resumed.

**It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Mary Ann Morin)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council retain Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, to undertake the following, with the assistance of Kathy Hodgson-Smith:

- Implement the MN-S portfolio system as per Article 4 of the MN-S Constitution; and
- Ensure the protection of the ownership/governance interests of the MN-S with regard to the Métis Family and Community Justice Service Sask. Inc.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-10)**

**12. OTHER**

**12.1 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Inquiry**

Tammy Mah offered comments regarding:

- Plans to address the vacancy caused by the resignation of Commissioner Marilyn Poitras from the MMIWG Commission
- The establishment of a Prince Albert group focussed on MMIWG, which includes (but is not limited to) First Nations and Métis members.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- A MMIWG Conference was recently held in Ottawa, Ontario
- A MMIWG Ceremony was recently held in Regina, Saskatchewan
- The MMIWG Inquiry will be in Saskatchewan on November 20, 2017; its Community Liaison Outreach Group will attempt to connect with and counsel local families in advance.

**11. MNLA**

Vice-President Morin and Secretary McCallum offered comments regarding the goal of having an MOU signed between Canada and the MN-S at the next MNLA. Given that the first draft of the MOU is expected by October 1, 2017, following which Government needs four weeks for review, the Federal Government has proposed one of two dates for the MNLA, with the actual date to be determined based on the Ministers' availability to attend.

**It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on December 1-2, 2017 or November 24-25, 2017, depending on which date the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada is available to attend.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170826-11)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled August 26 and 27, 2017 adjourned on August 26, 2017 at 3:16 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on August 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.





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**DATE: Sunday, August 27, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Glen McCallum, President, Co-Chair  
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair  
Lisa McCallum, Secretary  
Mary Ann Morin, Treasurer  
Jaycee Bell, Youth  
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3  
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1  
Earl Cook, Northern Region 1  
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3  
Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A  
Loretta King, Western Region 1  
Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A  
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2  
Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine President  
Rebecca Major, Western Region 2A  
Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2

**REGRETS:**

Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

**OBSERVERS (as indicated on the sign-in sheet circulated at the meeting):**

Dianne Fiddler	Verna McCallum
Sandy Friesen	Darlene McKay
Tyler Gervais	Peggy Parenteau
Calla Gordon	Terry Siedler
Melvina Goulet	Reina Sinclair
Floyd McCallum	Elton Soll

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

Michael Campbell

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

Charles Marcoux, Senior Consultation Advisor

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**MEETING RECONVENED and CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Co-Chair Gerald Morin reconvened the meeting at 9:28 a.m. and confirmed a quorum was present. Reina Sinclair offered an Opening Prayer.

Attendees were reminded that audio or video recording of any portion of PMC meetings by cellular phones or any other devices was prohibited.

The meeting agreed to consider Items 9 – Minister Reports and 10 – Regional Representative Reports, together.

**9. MINISTER REPORTS and**

**10. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged that several portfolios had been assigned at the PMC meeting held recently in Jackfish Lodge, Saskatchewan, and advised that the remainder of the portfolio assignments would be announced later in meeting.

**10.1 Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3 and Minister of Environment,** provided an update on Northern Region 3, and offered comments regarding:

- The establishment of a regional office
- A recently held local meeting; the local is working on an educational centre
- Meetings held with a fish processing company from Northern Region 3 and 4
- Interest in creating Women’s and Youth Councils in the north
- Support needed from the PMC for a Northern Region 3 school
- A process needed to ensure there is access to travel for Elders requiring medical assistance
- The importance of government’s recognition of Métis language and culture
- Ongoing work on capacity development in Region 3.

During an update on the “Environment Portfolio”, comments were offered regarding:

- Discussions needed on Métis hunting, fishing and harvesting rights in the region
- A need to work with the Métis from the ground up to access the unique knowledge, skills and abilities that are “the Métis science”.

**10.2 Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A and Minister of Housing,** provided an update on Eastern Region 2A, and offered comments regarding:

- The region’s second year of a three-year Duty to Consult (DTC) contract with Enbridge; funds received have been used to support sports, education, funerals, health costs, etc. to ensure that people at the local level are benefitting directly
- A Christmas dinner held at the Convention Centre with over \$1,500 given out in door prizes
- Recognition that the voting turnout more than doubled over the last two elections
- The well-attended family-oriented Regional Sports and Culture Days (at a cost of \$12,000), which included “Under the Stars” movies both evenings
- Efforts towards the purchase of a building
- Recent restructuring, and the inclusion of women and youth at the Regional Council table.

During an update on the “Housing Portfolio”, comments were offered regarding:

- Meetings in Ottawa, Ontario and Calgary, Alberta to draft a proposal for Métis-specific housing fund (to be implemented April 1, 2018)

- Consideration of MMF's governance structure as a guideline for the MN-S housing structure
- A Provincial Métis Housing Meeting scheduled during the last week of September 2017.

**10.3 Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine President,** offered comments regarding:

- The Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) Annual General Meeting scheduled September 30-October 1, 2017 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- A name being forwarded to the LFMO President as a possible replacement for the Métis Commissioner who resigned from the MMIWG National Inquiry
- Keen interest in a MMIWG Prince Albert Chapter, with a 16-person board.

**10.4 Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3 and Minister of Health,** provided an update on Eastern Region 3, and offered comments regarding:

- Participation at a meeting in Calgary, Alberta, towards forming an Advisory and Monitoring Committee with Enbridge Line 3 (with community engagement funding)
- Introductory meetings held with two international mining corporations
- Two Regional Council meetings held, which reflected on leadership and building the team
- The opening of a regional office, currently under renovation; a part-time administrative assistant starts on September 1, 2017
- The Regional Council's discussions on basic governance training.

During an update on the "Health Portfolio", comments were offered regarding:

- A meeting with the Indigenous Health Unit of the Saskatchewan Health Authority, which is currently engaging Indigenous peoples in discussions on accessing health services; the next engagement session is scheduled September 13, 2017
- Conversations with a researcher at the University of Saskatchewan on health data collection
- The MNC's involvement with the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC)
- A national health forum with Métis Health Ministers from across the country, scheduled the day after an upcoming CSCC meeting.

**10.5 Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2,** provided an update on Western Region 2, and offered comments regarding:

- The opening of Regional Office and efforts towards establishing a website
- The first Regional Council meeting scheduled the second week of September 2017
- Participation at the Housing Meeting with Ryan Carriere and Derek Langan
- Consultations underway related to the Diamond Mine and Husky Provincial Gravel case
- A keenness by interested Métis locals towards reactivating and building capacity
- The MMIWG Prince Albert committee, which will meet again in September 2017
- Attendance at a Health Monitoring Meeting; a survey will be sent to all the locals.

**10.6 Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1,** provided an update on Eastern Region 1, and offered comments regarding:

- Securing office space in Cumberland and establishing a website
- Attendance at two housing-related meetings on a Métis-specific housing strategy
- Looking at DTC with SaskPower and the relicensing of two dams over the next three years
- A new Local Council and a new president; and there are also Youth and Women's Councils.

- 10.7 Loretta King, Western Region 1**, provided an update on Western Region 1, and offered comments regarding:
- The next regional council meeting, tentatively scheduled September 5, 2017
  - Plans to view potential office space, and to hire part-time administrative support
  - Inquiries received about the Métis registry
  - Concerns about the impact of suicides in all regions, and the need for statistical information on the suicide rates of Métis citizens.
- 10.8 Rebecca Major, Western Region 2A**, provided an update on Western Region 2A, and offered comments regarding:
- A recent Regional Council meeting attended by Secretary McCallum
  - More than 30 federal DTCs in the region, not including Enbridge, Community Pasture Lands or the other pipelines
  - The Regional Council's decision to incorporate, and to establish a DTC Committee
  - A meeting with the City of Saskatoon's Director of Aboriginal Affiliation, who is keeping the Region informed on reconciliation and cultural competency efforts
  - A meeting with Grand Prairie related to land claims
  - Elections being held in four locals over the next 30 days
  - The next Regional Council meeting, tentatively scheduled September 30, 2017
  - A \$7,700 fast track grant secured, for provincial Crown Pasture Lands consultations.

#### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m. and resumed at 10:45 a.m.

- 10.9 Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2**, provided an update on Eastern Region 2, and offered comments regarding:
- The region's incorporation and office set-up
  - An invitation received to speak at the Saskatchewan Women's Aboriginal Circle Corporation on "Women Empowering Women"
  - DTC activity related to Weyerhaeuser, Edgewood and Berger; information will be forwarded to the Minister
  - A social worker who has volunteered to assist in securing programs related to homelessness
  - The next Regional Council meeting scheduled September 14, 2017
  - Interest expressed in the establishment of a new Local in the region.
- 10.10 Jaycee Bell, Youth**, offered comments regarding:
- Continued efforts to contact Regional Representatives who provided youth's names to participate on the Youth Council; only 3-4 youth have responded so far
  - The MNO meeting she attended, which included a leadership workshop with 70 youth; more than 200 youth were engaged at the MNO's General Assembly.
- 10.11 Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A and Minister of Sports**, provided an update on Western Region 1A, and offered comments regarding:
- A local man who was charged with fishing; he will go to court again next week; legal counsel suggested he plead guilty
  - Discussions with several local presidents, towards planning a regional meeting
  - Inquiries received on the availability of funds to the regions, to support travel to

communities

- Letters written confirming Métis citizenship for school/training, etc.
- Slow progress in discussions with Enbridge on DTC.

During an update on the “Sports Portfolio”, comments were offered regarding:

- Discussions with a representative from Sask Lotteries
- Appointment of an alternate to attend the games on his behalf
- A suggestion that each region host a ball game, concluding with a Métis ball tournament at Batoche.

**10.12 Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3 and Minister of Justice**, provided an update on Western Region 3, and offered comments regarding:

- Office space donated until mid-October 2017
- Drafting a charter on behalf of the region; and working with the locals to ensure they all have a Governance, Code of Conduct and Ethics package
- Encouraging locals to have strategic plans in place, and hold meetings prior to the MNLA
- The intent to meet with smaller locals to discuss the potential to amalgamate
- Working with locals to ensure they are incorporated and prepared for self-governance
- Selecting an Elder for the region
- Beginning the process of engagement
- A meeting with Brad Schiele, Stakeholder Engagement Division Manager at AtIheritage
- Mosaic Potash Mines’ request for a meeting.

During an update on the “Justice Portfolio”, comments were offered regarding:

- Provincial government’s request to attend a press conference on August 22, 2017 on the release of a report; there was no MN-S engagement; the report was specific to First Nations
- The need to ensure that government is aware that the MN-S is up and running.

**10.13 Earl Cook, Northern Region 1**, provided an update on Northern Region 1, and offered comments regarding:

- Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI):
  - GDI’s Board of Directors (and his participation on the Board from 1995-2002)
  - A book on GDI and its board’s history (books will be brought to the next PMC meeting)
  - GDI’s recent purchase of a house next to its existing office
  - Copies of GDI’s Annual Report, which may be available for the next PMC meeting
  - GDI’s golf tournament in Loon Lake, which raised over \$21,000
  - A GDI study published on Métis perspectives of the Urban Aboriginal Strategy
  - GDI’s multi-year Strategic Plan which incorporates elements of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, particularly on enhancing Métis institutions and university students
- An ASETS agreement to be signed with the MNC; the new agreement includes child care
- Exceeding education goals and securing \$5.2 million to continue work already underway
- A grant received to support development of a “Métis Atlas of NW Saskatchewan”
- An index developed of the names shown on the veterans’ monument at Batoche
- Consultations on Michif, in response to Federal Government’s commitment
- A drivers’ training project trialed in the north, which has been hindered by remoteness and participants’ lack of drivers’ licenses
- A press release expected September 27, 2017 on a report, which referenced benefits of

- providing post-secondary education to Métis, particularly teacher education
- National efforts related to early learning and child care:
  - The MNC is seeking a \$60 million share of the \$130 million
  - MN-S' allocation would be approximately \$11.25 million
  - Drafting a MN-S strategy for engaging K-12 children, which will require capacity to deliver.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The July 31, 2017 conclusion of the Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)
- Means of accessing the Disability Specific Wage Subsidy Program
- Interest in creating a Métis-specific Housing Strategy:
  - The portfolio is currently administering the Homeless Strategy Partnership
  - A questionnaire will be sent to Area Directors to distribute; responses will be compiled to identify priorities for funding anticipated by April 1, 2018
- The availability of funding to regions for honouraria, capacity building, travel etc.

***Request for Action:***

*The Treasurer was requested to send a letter to PMC members clarifying the amount available to regions on a monthly basis, and confirming the process for accessing the funding.*

**12.2 Schedule of Regional Meetings**

Members advised of the following upcoming meetings (noted in date order):

- September 5, 2017 – Western Region 1
- September 14, 2017 – Eastern Region 2
- September 20, 2017 (10:00 a.m.) – Northern Region 3
- September 21, 2017 (6:00 p.m.) – Western Region 2
- September 28, 2017 – Eastern Region 3 (with a presentation on Section 35)
- September 30, 2017 – Western Region 2A
- September 30-October 1, 2017 – LFMO AGM in Saskatoon SK
- October 7, 2017 – Les Filles Des Madeleine
- To be Determined:
  - Northern Region 1
  - Eastern Region 2A – will send an invitation to the Executive
  - Eastern Region 1
  - Western Region 1A
  - Western Region 3
  - Youth.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

Discussion ensued on potential dates and locations for the next PMC meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be scheduled to coincide with the board governance training/retreat.

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) schedule the PMC governance training/retreat and next meeting to occur October 27, 28 and 29, 2017 (Friday through Sunday) in Jasper, Alberta.

**CARRIED (170827-01)**

(Secretary McCallum voted in opposition  
Two members abstained from the vote.)

**8.1 President Report – Portfolios (Continued)**

President McCallum acknowledged the importance of referencing “Indigenous” rather than “Aboriginal” peoples. He confirmed that future PMC meetings would begin with a reminder that audio or video recording of any portion of PMC meetings by cellular phones or other devices, is strictly prohibited.

President McCallum announced the Ministerial portfolio assignments as follows:

- Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan:
  - Minister Sherry McLennan
  - Assistant Minister Sherry Soll
- Environment:
  - Minister Mervin “Tex” Bouvier
  - Assistant Minister Rebecca Major
- Métis Family and Community Justice Services Saskatchewan Inc.:
  - Minister Wendy Gervais
  - Assistant Minister Sherry McLennan
- Economic Development:
  - Minister Leonard Montgrand
  - Assistant Minister Mary Ann Morin
- Education:
  - Minister Earl Cook
  - Assistant Minister Lisa McCallum
- Métis Rights and Harvesting and Land and Métis Farms:
  - Minister Glen McCallum
  - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Reconciliation and Residential Schools:
  - Minister Glen McCallum
  - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Health:
  - Minister Marg Friesen
  - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Housing:
  - Minister Derek Langan
  - Assistant Minister Ryan
- Intergovernmental Affairs:
  - Minister Glen McCallum
  - Assistant Ministers Gerald Morin and Lisa McCallum

- Registry:
  - Minister Lisa McCallum
- Métis Rights Panel:
  - Minister Glen McCallum
  - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Sports and Recreation:
  - Minister Billy Kennedy
  - Assistant Minister Loretta King
- Finance Committee:
  - Treasurer Mary Ann Morin
  - Members: Sherry Soll, Gerald Morin and Earl Cook
- Veterans:
  - Minister Ryan Carriere
- Youth:
  - Minister Jaycee Bell
- Women:
  - Tammy Mah
- Batoche:
  - Minister Sherry McLennan
  - Assistant Minister Sherry Soll.

President McCallum acknowledged Darlene McKay's past contributions on the Back to Batoche Committee.

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept the Ministerial Appointments announced by President McCallum at the PMC meeting held August 26 and 27, 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170827-02)**

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Interest in receiving a full report on Back to Batoche 2017 at the next PMC meeting
- Recent challenges of accessing government funding, and expectation that funding would flow the following week
- Expectation that not all regions will be able to establish regional offices in this fiscal
- The MN-S Registry:
  - The availability of the Stantec (2008/09) report on registry
  - Expectation that the MN-S registry will use the same registration form
  - The intent to conduct an internal audit of Métis citizenship cards
  - Efforts intended with Federal and Provincial Governments to ensure MN-S registry cards are recognized as legal identification
  - Collaboration with the Canadian Standards Association relative to the Métis registry
- Posting on the MN-S website, information contained in the MNC Assembly binders on available programs.



Members were encouraged to be mindful when writing letters for Métis people confirming their citizenship, as some may not qualify as “Métis” under the national definition.

#### **14. CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled August 26 and 27, 2017, now conclude.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(Time: 12:15 p.m.)

Dianne Fiddler offered a Closing Prayer.

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#### **LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were provided for information at the meeting on August 26 and 27, 2017:*

1. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008
2. A Report to the Provincial Métis Council by Earl Cook, Minister of Education, dated August 25, 2017
3. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, amended September 9, 2008
4. Métis National Council presentation titled “Métis Nation Early Learning & Child Care Meeting – Calgary, Alberta – August 22-23, 2017”
5. “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to August 25, 2017” with the attached “List of Expenses”
6. Three “Estate General Ledger Reports” for MNS account, Batoche account and a combined account, dated August 25, 2017

*The following additional items were provided on-table, at the meeting on August 26 and 27, 2017:*

7. Agenda for the Canada-Métis Nation – Saskatchewan: Recognition, Indigenous Rights and Self Determination Tables (RIRSD) – August 25, 2017
8. Resolution on Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Negotiations Toward the Recognition of Métis Nation Rights and the Self Determination of the Métis Nation in Saskatchewan
9. Memorandum of Understanding on Advancing Reconciliation (“MOU”) between Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. as represented by its President (“MMF”) and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Indian and Affairs and Northern Development (“Canada”)
10. INAC presentation titled “Indigenous Self-Government Agreements – Background, Common Elements and Case Studies – Canada-MNS RIRSD Table – August 25, 2017”
11. MN-S Eastern Region III Provincial Métis Council Report Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, submitted by Marg Friesen, Eastern Region III Regional Representative and Minister of Health
12. Resume of Leanne Kwasney Commissioner for Oaths for Saskatchewan Appt. Exp. March 31, 2010.