

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN  
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING  
December 2, 2016**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held December 2, 2016 at the Best Western Marquis Inn and Suites, 602 Marquis Road East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

**DATE: Friday, December 2, 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair  
Glen McCallum, Co-Chair  
Lela Arnold  
Jaycee Bell  
Michael Bell  
Earl Cook  
Chester Herman (arrived at 4:50 p.m.)

Helene Johnson  
Shelly Kapell (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)  
Billy Kennedy  
Derek Langan  
Darlene McKay  
Tammy Mah  
Lennard Morin

**ABSENT:**

Robert Doucette, President  
Louis Gardiner

May Henderson  
Shannon Unrau

**ALSO PRESENT:**

President Clément Chartier,  
Métis National Council (MNC)  
Jimmy Durocher  
Cecile Blanke, Elder  
Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic  
Development Corporation (SMEDCO)  
(for Item 5.4) (departed at 5:55 p.m.)  
Gordon Kirkby, Complaints Officer  
(departed at 5:55 p.m.)

Robert McCauley, Senator (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)  
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer  
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 4)  
(via teleconference) (arrived at 4:40 p.m. and  
departed at 4:50 p.m.)  
John Weinstein, MNC (for Item 5.4)  
(via teleconference) (arrived at 4:00 p.m. and  
departed at 4:40 p.m.)

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

Evan Shoforost, EY

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

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**WELCOMING COMMENTS and OPENING PRAYER**

Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Jimmy Durocher 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 established.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its December 2, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Review of the Minutes (October 22 and 23, 2016 Meeting):
  - 3.1 Adoption of the Minutes
  - 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Legal Update (Jay Watson, Legal Counsel)
5. Updates:
  - 5.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer
  - 5.2 Update from the Federal Government
  - 5.3 *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) (Kyle Vermette / Minister Lennard Morin)
  - 5.4 Economic Development (John Weinstein / Greg Fofonoff, SMEDCO)
  - 5.5 Health Consultation
  - 5.6 ASETS Meetings
  - 5.7 Youth
  - 5.8 Les Filles de Madeleine (Women's Council)
  - 5.9 Elections Committee – Complaints Officer
6. Resolutions
7. Other Business:
  - 7.1 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)
8. Next Meeting

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **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. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

#### **It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the December 2, 2016 meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

### **It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Glen McCallum and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the December 2, 2016 meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **3. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (October 22 and 23, 2016 Meeting)**

### **3.1 Adoption of the Minutes**

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the October 22 and 23, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

### **It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of October 22 and 23, 2016 meeting, with the following revisions:

- On Page 6: Replace references to “the CCDF” with “CCDF”; and correct the spelling of Kyle Vermette’s surname;
- On Page 12: Indicate Derek Langan as Mover of the resolution and Lennard Morin as Secunder of the resolution.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the October 22 and 23, 2016 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes. The following updates were provided:

- MNC President Chartier sent a letter to Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall on potential opportunities for Provincial Government funding for the MN-S; a response has not yet been received
- Evan Shoforst, EY, sent the PMC’s October 22, 2016 resolution indicating that the PMC would submit appointments to the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) Board after the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election, and requesting that in the interim the positions should NOT be filled to CCDF; a response was received from the CCDF:
  - Confirming that the appointments would be postponed as requested
  - Requesting to meet with Vice President Morin and Mr. Shoforst to discuss the resolution; Vice President Morin replied that a meeting with the CCDF Chief Executive Officer would be scheduled after the election
- The Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) made arrangements for Lennard Morin to lay a wreath at the Saskatoon Remembrance Day ceremony; GDI purchased the wreath through the Saskatoon Poppy Campaign.

### **4:00 p.m.**

John Weinstein joined the meeting via teleconference.

## **5. UPDATES**

### **5.4 Economic Development**

John Weinstein, Métis National Council (MNC), reported on the allocation of core funding and *Powley* funding from the Federal Government, and provided comments on:

- MNC's discussions with the Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) regarding an increase in core and *Powley* funding
- A "Memorandum to Cabinet" proposing multi-year and flexible core funding (potentially \$5 million each year, per MNC Governing Member) to provide a more stable foundation on which to support, plan and operate programs and services
- An increase in *Powley* funding proposed (potentially \$2.25 million each year, per MNC Governing Member)
- A combined potential total of \$7.25 million per year (of core funding and *Powley* funding)
- Federal Government's efforts towards providing access to reliable and stable financing, consistent with a nation-to-nation relationship.

Mr. Weinstein reported on the allocation of the economic development funding from the Federal Government, noting that:

- The MNC Board initially recommended that the economic development funds should flow through Métis financial institutions
- INAC suggested that the funds could flow through capital corporations or Aboriginal financial institutions (AFIs)
- Each Governing Member would receive an allocated portion of economic development funding over the next five years, which could be allocated (in whole or in part) to an economic development corporation
- Two agreements with the Federal Government will be required for the economic development funding: one for the current year (up to March 31, 2017), and another for the remaining four years
- It was understood that given the MN-S current pre-election phase:
  - The MN-S' allocation of economic development money for the current year, would go through a capital corporation (SMEDCO)
  - After the first year's contribution of economic development funding, the new MN-S leadership could negotiate how funds would be allocated for the subsequent four years.

#### **4:20 p.m.**

Shelly Kapell and Senator Robert McCauley arrived at the meeting.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- Federal Government's position regarding the MN-S' pre-election and post-election phases, and suggestion that after the election, the same arrangements extended to other Governing Members would be extended to the MN-S
- The MN-S' strengthened position and previous decisions regarding the allocation of MN-S' portion of the economic development funding.

#### **4:40 p.m.**

Mr. Weinstein departed the meeting and Jay Watson joined the meeting via teleconference.

#### **4. LEGAL UPDATE**

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, provided an update on the court's support for the order filed, which requested that each of the MN-S' affiliates provide the required documentation (i.e. minute books, financial statements, etc.) to the MN-S, as requested. He further reported that:

- One individual representing each affiliate has been served (an order was granted to serve President Doucette at a more accessible location)
- Despite some initial objections to releasing financial information with respect to the affiliates' employees, the parties' legal counsel agreed on a consent order
- A list of required documents and reports will be compiled by December 5, 2016 for review by Vice President Morin and Ms. Taylor, and subsequently by the other parties' legal counsel
- In the event the documents and report requested are not provided, the matter will proceed to Judge Smith for his determination, based on the information provided.

**4:50 p.m.**

Mr. Watson departed the meeting and Chester Herman arrived at the meeting.

#### **5.9 Elections Committee - Complaints Officer**

Chester Herman, Chair, Elections Committee, referenced the committee's recent decision to retain Gordon Kirkby as Complaints Officer for the 2017 MN-S Election.

#### **It was MOVED (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council endorse the recommendation of the MN-S Election Committee, to retain Gordon Kirkby as Complaints Officer for the 2017 MN-S Election.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The MN-S Elections Office will open after December 8, 2016, when Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer returns from vacation; members have been unable to contact the office during Mr. Payton's absence
- Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, will assist in drafting a contract to engage Mr. Kirkby as Complaints Officer.

#### **Request for Action**

*It was requested that the minutes of the MN-S Elections Committee meeting be provided to the Provincial Métis Council, for information.*

Mr. Kirkby introduced himself to the PMC, reviewed his background and experience, and commended the PMC's selection of Chief Electoral Officer Fred Payton.

#### **5.4 Economic Development (Continued)**

*Related on-table information: "The Case for Additional Loan Capital – December 2, 2016"*

Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), referred the meeting to the information provided and offered additional comments regarding:

- SMEDCO's ability to assist more businesses each year with funding anticipated in the first year of the five-year economic development funding

- The \$10 million capital base SMEDCO required to remain self-sufficient and cover operating expenses
- Benefits of having loan capital available to assist future Métis businesses
- SMEDCO's interest in submitting a proposal, outlining a statement of work for how additional loan capital could be utilized.

President Chartier clarified that the structure of economic development funding through Federal Government, had shifted from the earlier approach SMEDCO referenced. It would be up to each of the Governing Members to determine how the money allocated to them, would be directed (i.e. through a capital corporation or otherwise).

Mavis Taylor, CEO, referenced recent indications from Richard Quintal, INAC, that:

- The MN-S' first year allocation of economic development funding (anticipated prior to the MN-S election) would be directed through the MN-S' capital corporation (SMEDCO)
- The MN-S' allocation of the remaining four years of economic development funding (following the MN-S election), could be determined by the PMC.

Ms. Taylor further referenced INAC funding anticipated for the MN-S beyond April 1, 2017, with the continued involvement of an Expert Advisor (EY or otherwise).

#### **Meeting Recessed – In-Camera Discussion**

The meeting recessed at 5:55 p.m. for an in-camera discussion, and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Greg Fofonoff and Gordon Kirkby were absent when the meeting resumed.

#### **Change in Chair**

Co-Chair McCallum assumed the role as Chair.

*[Recording Secretary's Note: These minutes were duly adopted on January 14, 2017. At the time of adoption, the PMC directed that the following resolution NOT be acted on.]*

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

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) stands behind its July 22, 2016 resolution, as follows:

*“That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports the Métis National Council’s (MNC’s) disbursements of economic development funds as outlined in their July 21, 2016 correspondence, recognizing that the MN-S’ portion of the funding will be administered by SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO); with the following provisos:*

- *That the MN-S PMC be involved in determining the disbursements of funds;*
- *That MN-S Regional Representatives be appointed to SMEDCO’s Board of Directors;*
- *That representatives from SMEDCO and the federal government be invited to attend an upcoming MN-S PMC meeting (specifically with John Weinstein, MNC, in attendance) to discuss priorities and criteria, meeting regional needs, purchasing land adjacent to Batoche and upgrades to the Batoche site (specifically for capital renovations); and*

- *That for the first fiscal year of economic development funding, the MN-S portion be allocated as follows:*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to each of the MN-S’ twelve regions;*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to the MN-S Métis Women (Les Filles de Madeleine);*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to the Saskatchewan Métis Youth;*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to the MN-S PMC;*
  - *A capped amount of \$90,000 to SMEDCO for administration of the funds (any unused portion to be returned to PMC for distribution); and*
  - *An amount of \$435,000 to the Back to Batoche Committee specifically for capital renovations;*

*and with the further provisos that:*

- *The aforementioned provisos meet the criteria of the funding agreement;*
- *In the event the allocation to SMEDCO for administration does not meet the criteria of the funding agreement, the MN-S PMC maintains the ability to reallocate the funds by special resolution; and*
- *Future funding allocations be done at the MN-S PMC level.”*

**AND WHEREAS** the PMC deems it is inappropriate to allocate economic development funding at this time, to the MN-S affiliates Clarence Campeau Development Fund and SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation, due to their lack of involvement with the MN-S;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a draft letter be prepared to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau by the MN- S Chief Executive Officer, advising that the PMC stands behind its July 22, 2016 resolution related to the allocation of economic development funding, and requesting that government defer the allocation of the MN-S’ portion of economic development funding until after the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the draft letter be emailed to PMC members for review and approval, and that the final letter (approved by the PMC) be signed by Vice President Morin and sent accordingly, with copies to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and the President of the Métis National Council (MNC); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MNC’s support for this resolution be sought.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **5.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer**

*Related information:*

- *Funding applications submitted for the MN-S’ participation in reviews related to: Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, Fisheries Act, National Energy Board Modernization and Navigation Protection Act*
- *MN-S Budget, Based on Actuals To Date and Estimates to March 31, 2017*
- *MN-S Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to December 1, 2016*
- *MN-S Expenses Reconciliation and General Ledger Report, dated December 1, 2016*

Mr. Shoforost offered comments on the conclusion of financial arrangements related to the office photocopier and telephone equipment. He confirmed that the outstanding RBC debt had

been repaid, and that the landlord had been asked to provide occupancy cost information and audits for the past three years, to ensure the MN-S' rent was paid appropriately.

During a review of the financial summary, additional comments were offered regarding:

- Funding anticipated under the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS)
- Funding applied for and received by MN-S for participation in reviews related to: the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, *Fisheries Act*, National Energy Board Modernization and *Navigation Protection Act*
- A GST return anticipated; GST filing on a more regular basis will be considered
- Reports and information required by the MN-S and its affiliates.

Additional comments were offered regarding:

- Documentation which contributed to the incurrence of the RBC debt, which has been submitted to the INAC Allegations and Investigations Branch for review
- A request sent to the INAC Access to Information and Privacy Unit, for a copy of correspondence from John Robert Lafontaine to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada on July 28, 2016 on a number of issues related to the MN-S; if Mr. Lafontaine's consent to release the letter is not received after 20 days, options for proceeding will be considered.

**It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept as presented the reports and information provided under Item 5.1 – “Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer”, including budget and other information related to the MN-S' participation in reviews related to: the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, *Fisheries Act*, National Energy Board Modernization, and the *Navigation Protection Act*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Gerald Morin)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorize Ernst & Young (EY) to inform anyone contacting EY for financial or other information related to the MN-S, to their respective Area Representative or a PMC member.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.2 Update from the Federal Government**

No updates were provided at the meeting.

**5.3 *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)***

The meeting was reminded of the PMC's December 3, 2016 discussion scheduled with Kyle Vermette.

**5.5 Health Consultation**

Members expressed an interest in attending a December 10, 2016 engagement session in Saskatoon hosted by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.



**Request for Action**

Darlene McKay agreed to contact the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, to confirm the PMC's December 10, 2016 engagement session in Saskatoon on barriers and facilitators to participating in cancer screening for Métis people, and to promptly inform the PMC accordingly.

**5.6 ASETS Meetings**

Chester Herman provided updates on ASETS meetings that he attended on October 26 and 27, 2016 (in Ottawa, Ontario) and November 23 and 24, 2016 (in Vancouver, BC). He reported that:

- GDI has been administering the ASETS program, as the ASETS Agreement Holder in Saskatchewan
- Funding is available through the ASETS program for Indigenous people to cover training costs and costs related to training
- Future updates will be provided on the ASETS program and funding.

**5.7 Youth**

No updates were provided at the meeting.

**5.8 Les Filles de Madeleine (Women's Council)**

Tammy Mah noted that no updates were available on the next National Women's Conference.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)**

An update was provided on recent activities related to the NORTEP.

**6. RESOLUTIONS**

**It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to cancel Vice President Gerald Morin's cell phone, effective December 31 2016.

**CARRIED**

(Lennard Morin voted in opposition)

**It was MOVED (Chester Herman) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

**WHEREAS** the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN- S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) has been informed and received details of all duties performed and expenditures made by Ernst & Young on behalf of the MN-S since February 17, 2016;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the PMC approves all duties performed and expenditures made by Ernst & Young on behalf of the MN- S, from February 17, 2016 to December 1, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the PMC also approves the budget and all anticipated duties to be performed and expenditures to be incurred up to March 31, 2017, as reviewed with the PMC on December 2, 2016.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. NEXT MEETING DATES**

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged that a meeting may be scheduled December 17, 2016 in Saskatoon, depending on funding availability.

**CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)**

That the December 2, 2016 meeting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, now conclude.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(Time: 8:15 p.m.)

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**LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

1. *Draft Minutes of the October 22 and 23, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting*
2. *Information items regarding the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election*
3. *The “Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007”, as amended July 29, 2016*
4. *Correspondence to Greg Fofonoff, SMEDCO, dated November 29, 2016*
5. *Draft Minutes of the September 10 and 11, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting*
6. *Information items related to climate change*
7. *MN-S Duty to Consult and Accommodate Policy and Principles, dated November 2009*
8. *Share Purchase Agreement between Dean Fetch, Darryl Fidler and Round Prairie Developments Ltd., dated August 1, 2014*
9. *Share Purchase Agreement between Round Prairie Ventures Inc., Darryl Fidler and Round Prairie Developments Ltd., dated August 1, 2014*
10. *Contribution Agreement for the Review of Environmental Assessment Processes, between the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the MN-S, dated November 23, 2016*
11. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008*
12. *Correspondence from Natural Resources Canada regarding the “Federal Funding Allocation to Participate in the National Energy Board Modernization Review”, dated November 25, 2016*
13. *Correspondence from Transport Canada regarding the “Review of the Navigation Protection Act”*
14. *Correspondence from Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding the “Review of Changes to the Fisheries Act”, dated November 16, 2016*
15. *MN-S Budget, Based on Actuals To Date and Estimates to March 31, 2017 (as of December 1, 2016)*
16. *MN-S Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to December 1, 2016*
17. *MN-S Expenses Reconciliation and General Ledger Report, dated December 1, 2016.*