

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN  
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING  
February 11, 12 and 17, 2017**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 in the Cosmopolitan Room, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 101 Pacific Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**DATE: Saturday, February 11, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Derek Langan
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair	Glen McCallum
Lela Arnold	Darlene McKay
Jaycee Bell	Tammy Mah
Michael Bell	Lennard Morin
Earl Cook	Robert St. Pierre
Billy Kennedy	Shannon Unrau

**ABSENT:**

Robert Doucette, President	Shelly Kapell
Louis Gardiner	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

President Clément Chartier, Métis National Council (MNC) (for Item 8.5)  
(arrived at 1:00 p.m. / departed at 1:45 p.m.)  
Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) (for Item 5.1)  
(arrived at 10:30 a.m. / departed at 10:45 a.m.)  
Kathy Hodgson-Smith, MNC (for Item 8.5) (arrived at 1:00 p.m. / departed at 1:45 p.m.)  
Geordy McCaffrey, Gabriel Dumont Institute  
Loretta Metzger, Election Consultant (for Item 6.1) (arrived at 10:45 a.m. / departed at 2:30 p.m.)  
Shae Shatilla, MNC Youth Advisor (for Item 8.5) (arrived at 1:00 p.m. / departed at 1:45 p.m.)  
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer  
Tristan Zachow, SMEDCO (for Item 5.1) (arrived at 10:30 a.m. / departed at 10:45 a.m.)

**OBSERVERS:**

Valerie Bell	Shannon Landrie-Crossland
Cecile Blanke	Floyd McCallum
Dave Halborson	Sherry McLennan
May Henderson	Rebecca Major
Penny Hurton	Troy Unrau
Ray Laliberte	

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

Michael Campbell, EY	Evan Shoforost, EY
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**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 Morin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. Lennard Morin 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 (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Northern Region II Clearwater – Clear Lake
4. Minutes of the January 14 and 15, 2017 Meeting:
  - 4.1 Review of the Minutes
  - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Economic Development:
  - 5.1 SMEDCO
  - 5.2 MN-S MEDS Strategy Budget and Proposal and Balance of EcDev Funding to SMEDCO
6. Election:
  - 6.1 Update from Proposed Chief Electoral Officer (Loretta Metzger, Election Consultant)
  - 6.2 *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act*
7. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):
  - 7.1 Event Planning Update
  - 7.2 MNLA Resolutions
  - 7.3 MNLA Delegate Kit / Agenda
8. Updates:
  - 8.1 Update from Legal Counsel
  - 8.2 Update from Ernst & Young, Chief Executive Officer and Finance Committee
  - 8.3 Update from the Federal Government
  - 8.4 Update from Kyle Vermette
  - 8.5 Update from the MNC – Summit with Prime Minister / Ministers
9. Other Business
  - 9.1 Les Filles de Madeleine – Update on Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) Assembly
  - 9.2 Métis Youth Council
  - 9.3 Métis Athletes and North American Indigenous Games
  - 9.4 Métis Traditional Knowledge on Land Use and Occupancy
  - 9.5 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)
  - 9.6 “Understanding the Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process” Conference

- 9.7 GDI Board Representation
- 9.8 Natural Resources Canada – Request for Information
- 9.9 Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF)
- 9.10 Back to Batoche Festival Committee
- 10. Resolutions

**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 (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. NORTHERN REGION II CLEARWATER – CLEAR LAKE**

*Related information: Minutes of the Clearwater – Clear Lake Métis Regional Council Meeting held January 24, 2017*

Robert St. Pierre, Northern Region II, confirmed his Regional Council's recommendation that he be appointed to represent Northern Region II on the PMC on an interim basis, given Chester Herman's recent resignation.

In response to questions raised, it was confirmed that the *Elections Act* indicated that a candidate could not run in the MN-S election if they held a position on a municipal council. Mr. St. Pierre was only appointed to participate on the PMC, until the next MN-S election.

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accepts Robert St. Pierre as representative from the Northern Region II on the PMC, on an interim basis until the next MN-S election.

**CARRIED**

(Shannon Unrau abstained from the vote)

**4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (January 14 and 15, 2017 Meeting)**

**4.1 Review of the Minutes**

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the January 14 and 15, 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

**4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the January 14 and 15, 2017 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Greg Fofonoff and Tristan Zachow, SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation, were present when the meeting resumed.

**5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**5.1 SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO)**

*Related information: Notice of the “SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation 30 Year Celebration” scheduled March 7, 2017 at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building in Regina*

Greg Fofonoff and Tristan Zachow, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), invited the PMC to attend SMEDCO’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration reception on March 7, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building in Regina. They requested confirmation of PMC members’ attendance, as soon as possible. Reimbursement for meals, travel costs and one night’s accommodation to attend the event, will be arranged by SMEDCO (additional costs may be considered for members travelling lengthy distances).

Members reviewed their ability to attend SMEDCO’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration reception on March 7, 2017:

- Glen McCallum and Darlene McKay confirmed they were able to attend
- Lela Arnold, Michael Bell, Earl Cook, Billy Kennedy, Derek Langan, Tammy Mah, Gerald Morin, Lennard Morin, Robert St. Pierre, and Shannon Unrau indicated they were uncertain whether they could attend
- Jaycee Bell and Helene Johnson were unable to attend.

***Request for Action***

*It was requested that PMC members that were uncertain of their ability to attend SMEDCO’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration reception on March 7, 2017, confirm their attendance with the MN-S Chief Executive Officer by February 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. (members agreed that no response would indicate their inability to attend).*

**10:45 a.m.**

Mr. Fofonoff and Mr. Zachow departed the meeting. Loretta Metzger, Election Consultant, arrived at the meeting.

**4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes (Continued)**

Members discussed the PMC’s decision regarding the allocation of \$2,500 for each region to hold Regional Council meetings prior to the MNLA (with funding provided by Federal

Government and Kyle Vermette). It was noted that the Finance Committee subsequently met and determined that a \$100 honorarium for Presidents attending the Regional Council meetings was fair, and did not contradict the PMC's resolution.

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) offered to assist PMC members in developing a budget to submit to EY for reimbursement of costs related to their Regional Council Meetings (up to \$2,500 for costs including reasonable meals, travel and a minute-taker).

During discussion, concerns were expressed regarding:

- The Finance Committee's decision to restrict the honorarium for Presidents attending Regional Council meetings to \$100
- Prior implications of the MN-S' lack of accountability, transparency and democracy.

**Point of Order**

A member requested that attendees at MN-S PMC meetings who are not PMC members should not be allowed to speak at the meeting, unless in direct response to a PMC member's question.

Co-Chair Morin recognized the role of the CEO and the importance of Ms. Taylor's knowledge and involvement in discussions at PMC meetings.

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Shannon Unrau)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) direct that henceforth, any attendees at MN-S PMC meetings who are not PMC members (including but not limited to the Chief Executive Officer and Ernst & Young Representatives), only speak in response to direct questions asked by a PMC member.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

(Gerald Morin, Lela Arnold, Jaycee Bell, Michael Bell, Earl Cook, Billy Kennedy, Glen McCallum, Darlene McKay, Lennard Morin, and Robert St. Pierre voted in opposition)  
(Tammy Mah abstained from the vote)

During continued discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Establishing a process for MN-S committees, including sending meeting agendas and minutes to the PMC in a timely manner and/or posting them on the MN-S website
- Providing updates at PMC meetings on decisions made by committees
- The assignment of tasks to specific committees to make decisions on behalf of the PMC
- Limiting discussion time provided for each agenda item at future PMC meetings
- Including background information at the bottom of Page 13 of the January 14 and 15, 2017 minutes, to support the resolution indicated at the top of Page 14.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of the January 14 and 15, 2017 meeting with the following revisions:

- Insert the following at the bottom of Page 13: "Mr. Shoforost recommended that Regional Council meetings be held in advance of the 2017 MNLA, to enable Regional Councils to

compile and submit a list of delegates to attend the 2017 MNLA. This process would assist in minimizing challenges at the MNLA, and ensuring the MNLA proceeds in accordance with the Constitution of the MN-S. Based on discussions with the Finance Committee and INAC, Mr. Shoforst reviewed a proposed allocation of funding to accommodate to these meetings”; and

- Change the last bulleted item in the resolution at the top of Page 8 to read: “The reviewed proposed revisions to the *Elections Act* supported by the PMC, be submitted accordingly to the Chief Executive Officer (Clerk of the MNLA) as per the *MNLA Act*, prior to the January 18, 2017 deadline”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. MNC President Clément Chartier, Kathy Hodgson-Smith and Shae Shatilla were present when the meeting resumed.

### **8. UPDATES**

#### **8.5 Update from the MNC – Summit with Prime Minister / Ministers**

*Related information: “Resolution on a Regional Table” and “Resolution on the NWSMC”*

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

- Although Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was unable to attend the January 30, 2017 Summit with MNC representatives, federal ministers and officials attended
- The MNC’s discussion with Prime Minister Trudeau will likely occur in early March 2017
- The Prime Minister recently met with and signed a declaration with ITK representatives
- A MNC Economic Development Forum will be held March 17, 2017 in Vancouver
- A MNC General Assembly will be held March 18 and 19, 2017 in Vancouver
- The National Aboriginal Women’s Summit will be held March 6 to 8, 2017 in Toronto (MNC delegates will attend)
- The Federal Government has entered into a Framework Agreement with the Manitoba Metis Federation, and MOUs with the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Métis Nation of Ontario, towards regional exploratory discussions leading to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights
- Co-Chairs of the Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Council asked the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for a process to address outstanding issues from a 1994 Statement of Claim; the Ministry agreed to consider a process for addressing the issue further, with the MN-S’ engagement
- The Federal Government will move forward with MNC Governing Members individually through the s. 35 process, and collectively through national bilateral mechanisms with cabinet ministers.

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

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

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 of British Columbia for the same purpose;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan is the only Governing Member of the Métis National Council which has not become engaged in this process of reconciliation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Vice-President Gerald Morin be hereby directed to write to Minister Carolyn Bennett requesting that a similar process be engaged in with the MN-S and to retain legal counsel to assist in the implementation of the process.

**CARRIED**

(Derek Langan and Shannon Unrau abstained from the vote)

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

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

WHEREAS the MN-S Constitution mandates the Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Council (NWSMC) to pursue, amongst other matters, a land base and self-government;

AND WHEREAS the NWSMC undertook the Northern Project under the MN-S/Canada/Saskatchewan tripartite process between the years 1996 to 2006 (approximately);

AND WHEREAS in 1994 a Statement of Claim was filed by the Métis Locals, Métis Scrip Takers and Métis Elders/Senators of Northwest Saskatchewan, along with the MN-S and the Métis National Council as a test case against the scrip system;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is prepared to establish an exploratory table with the NWSMC to deal with s.35 Métis rights reconciliation as well as the potential for settling the 1994 Statement of Claim;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council hereby mandates the NWSMC to enter into a s.35 Métis rights reconciliation process of negotiations, including taking a lead role on negotiating a potential out of court settlement of the 1994 Statement of Claim.

**CARRIED**

(Derek Langan and Shannon Unrau abstained from the vote)

Thanks were extended to President Chartier and Ms. Hodgson-Smith for their ongoing efforts and contributions on behalf of the Métis Nation.

1:45 p.m.

President Chartier, Ms. Hodgson-Smith and Shae Shatilla left the meeting.

**5.2 MN-S MEDS Strategy Budget and Proposal and Balance of EcDev Funding to SMEDCO**  
*Related information: Correspondence from Terry Faubert, INAC, dated January 25, 2017*

Ms. Taylor referred the meeting to correspondence from Terry Faubert, INAC, which confirmed their discussion regarding economic development funding and presented options for the PMC's consideration. She added that a \$100,000 budget was submitted by Kyle Vermette to retain his services (to March 31, 2017) towards developing an economic development strategy for the MN-S, leaving \$840,000 of the total \$940,000 to be allocated for disbursement through SMEDCO. During discussion, comments and concerns were offered regarding:

- The Federal Government's directions on how to spend the economic development funding allocated for MN-S' use
- Questions anticipated by some regions related to accessing economic development funding allocated to SMEDCO
- The newly elected MN-S PMC's determination's on how to allocate the MN-S' future years' economic development funding.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that, with respect to the \$940,000 in economic development funding allocated to the MN-S for the current year:

- \$100,000 of the \$940,000 be allocated to retain (to the end of March 2017) the services of Kyle Vermette towards developing an economic development strategy for the MN-S; and
- The remaining balance of \$840,000 be allocated to the SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation.

**CARRIED**

(Derek Langan voted in opposition)

(Billy Kennedy and Shannon Unrau abstained from the vote)

**6. ELECTION**

**6.1 Update from Proposed Chief Electoral Officer (Loretta Metzger, Election Consultant)**

Loretta Metzger, Election Consultant, provided an update on preparations for the MN-S election, with which she hoped to continue if the MNLA appointed her Chief Electoral Officer. She confirmed that she had reviewed the *Elections Act*, the Constitution, David Hamilton's 2007 report, and forms and documentation from MN-S' prior election processes. Ms. Metzger added that maps were found in the MN-S office indicating regional boundaries, which could be confirmed with regional representatives. Regional Council minutes could be reviewed to confirm any boundary changes made since the maps were produced.

During discussion regarding the Nomination Kit, the following comments were offered:

- The Nomination Kit has been updated and will be available online
- The previously prepared Nomination Kits:
  - did not request some required information, as indicated in the *Elections Act* (i.e. witnesses must indicate their name and address)

- may be used in the upcoming election process, if the additional required information is provided; a “Deficiency List” of additional information required to accompany the previously prepared Nomination Kit, will be available online
- Candidates require nominations from five Métis citizens (who are eligible to vote); a \$100 non-refundable deposit must accompany each Nomination Kit
- There will be a 35-day election period; nominations may be submitted April 22 to 27, 2017.

During further discussion on the election process, the following comments were offered:

- Some revisions to the *Elections Act* will be reviewed with Kyle Vermette
- Information on positions to be filled to support the MN-S election process, can be conveyed to Regional representatives
- Locations have been identified in Saskatoon for the MN-S election office; the preferred office space is situated in Market Mall (for approximately \$5,000/month)
- Elections SK has agreed to loan cell phones to the Returning Officers and office staff supporting the MN-S elections process (the MN-S will pay usage fees)
- Quotes will be obtained for printing ballots; ballot boxes will be re-labelled with the MN-S logo to cover the Elections SK logos
- Youth (over 16) will be advised through the school system of their eligibility to vote
- Legislation changes have been considered related to vouching; a Métis citizen (eligible to vote) can vouch for up to two voters; both the voter and the voucher will need to sign the declaration confirming the voter’s eligibility to vote
- Regional Returning Officers will receive the Nominations Kits and deposits, scan the Nominations Kits and then submit them to the MN-S office
- Candidates will receive a certificate confirming their candidacy in the election and a receipt for their deposit
- Information on the MN-S elections process will be posted at “mnselection.ca”.

Ms. Taylor added that the MNLA will consider amendments to the *Elections Act* and will appoint a Chief Electoral Officer. She noted that the PMC may meet a few times prior to the MN-S election.

Ms. Metzger commended the assistance of Lorne Gibson, Ernst & Young, and Ms. Taylor during her preparations for the upcoming election.

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m. Ms. Metzger was absent when the meeting resumed.

### **6.2 Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act**

This item was discussed under Item 6.1.

## **7. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)**

### **7.1 Event Planning Update**

*Related information:*

- *Order of the Day/Agenda for the 2017 MNLA*
- *Layout of the “Grand Gallery” at TCU Place for the 2017 MNLA*

Evan Shoforost, EY, and Ms. Taylor provided an update on preparations for the MNLA, and commented on:

- The proposed layout of the “Grand Gallery” for the MNLA at TCU Place, including the location of the Senators, Veterans, speakers, presenters and the registration desk
- Meals arranged for February 18 and 19, 2017, and entertainment scheduled February 18, 2017
- Passes available for parking at TCU Place
- Audio-visual recording and security provided by TCU Place.

Mr. Shoforost confirmed that EY had not yet received meeting minutes from some Regional Councils and Les Filles des Madeleine.

During further discussion, it was noted that the *Legislative Assembly Act* requires that Dumont Scouts be designated to provide security during the MNLA. As such, it was suggested that the security personnel provided by TCU Place be designated as Dumont Scouts. The MNLA Speakers, Kathy Hodgson-Smith and Will Goodon, could meet in advance with TCU Place security personnel to review their responsibilities as Dumont Scouts.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that representatives of TCU Place Security be recognized as Dumont Scouts at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Taylor confirmed her role as Clerk of the MNLA, and noted that she and EY representatives had collaboratively drafted the “Order of the Day/Agenda”. During discussion on the Order of the Day/Agenda, the following comments were offered:

- The Order of the Day/Agenda for prior MNLAs, specified separate presentations by members of the MN-S Executive
- Consideration could be given to adjusting the Order of the Day/Agenda to potentially conduct the roll call prior to the speakers, and to welcome remarks from the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, rather than specifying speakers names
- Opportunities were provided to the MNLA Committee to participate in the development of the Order of the Day/Agenda.

**It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accepts the “Order of the Day/Agenda” for the 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), with the following amendments (if consistent with regulations related to the MNLA):

- Replace “Guest Speakers” with “Welcoming Remarks”
- Replace “Welcome MN-S Vice President Gerald Morin” with “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”
- Indicate the “Roll Call” prior to the “Welcoming Remarks”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.2 MNLA Resolutions**

Related information:

- *List of resolutions being prepared for the 2017 MNLA (by Legal Counsel)*
- *“Proposed Amendments to the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007”, submitted by Gerald Morin, January 17, 2017*
- *“Proposed Amendments to the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007”, submitted by Darlene McKay, January 17, 2017*

It was noted that resolutions were being drafted for consideration at the MNLA.

## **7.3 MNLA Delegate Kit / Agenda**

*Related information: “Table of Contents for the MNLA and General Assembly, February 18 and 19, 2017”*

Ms. Taylor distributed copies of the proposed Table of Contents for the Delegate Kits. During a review of the items to be included in the tabbed sections of the kits, the following comments were offered:

- If Item 10 is renamed as “Ernst & Young Report (including MN-S/EY agreements)”, Item 7 could be omitted
- Recent changes to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* may preclude being able to release the MN-S Registry List.

### **It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the Delegate Kits/ Agenda Binders for the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and General Assembly including all necessary documentation, with the following directions:

- Revise the Table of Contents by omitting Item 7 – MN-S/EY Agreements and renaming Item 10 as: “Ernst & Young Report (including MN-S/EY agreements)”; and
- Do not include a “Voters List”, to ensure compliance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was further informed that:

- Resolutions and documentation related to the MNLA and General Assembly will be reviewed at a brief PMC meeting on Friday, February 17, 2017
- The MNLA will select the new Chief Electoral Officer and set the date for the MN-S election (proposed as May 27, 2017)
- A representative from KPMG may be invited to present the MN-S audit at the MNLA.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 adjourned on February 11, 2017 at 3:45 p.m.

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**DATE: Sunday, February 12, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Derek Langan
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair	Glen McCallum
Lela Arnold	Darlene McKay
Jaycee Bell	Tammy Mah
Michael Bell	Lennard Morin
Earl Cook	Robert St. Pierre
Billy Kennedy	Shannon Unrau

**ABSENT:**

Robert Doucette, President	Shelly Kapell
Louis Gardiner	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Shannon Landrie-Crossland, Métis Consultant / Senior Researcher (for Item 9.4)  
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

**OBSERVERS:**

Cecile Blanke	Sherry McLennan
Dave Halborson	Rebecca Major
May Henderson	Troy Unrau
Penny Hurton	Bonnie Vandale

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

Michael Campbell, EY	Evan Shoforost, EY
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**INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:**

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER**

Co-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Robert St. Pierre offered an Opening Prayer.

**CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Co-Chair Morin confirmed a quorum was present.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.3 Métis Athletes and North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)**

Mike Tanton, Chef de Mission, Team Saskatchewan, NAIG, acknowledged that Métis athletes previously lacked the same financial support as First Nations athletes. Approximately 550 athletes, chaperons and coaches will attend the NAIG scheduled July 16 to 23, 2017 in Toronto.

During discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- The NAIG Council requires documentation confirming selected athletes' Indigenous status
- Métis athletes selected from Saskatchewan will require a notarized letter of support from their respective locals, confirming their Métis citizenship
- Providing local Presidents with a template for a letter of support would be helpful
- SaskSports will be contacted for funding to assist Métis athletes selected to participate.

Mr. Tanton offered to present information regarding the NAIG (including a template for a letter of support for selected athletes) at the MNLA and General Assembly.

**7.1 MNLA Planning Update (Continued)**

**It was MOVED (Robert St. Pierre) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council agrees to further amend the "Order of the Day/Agenda" for the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to include: "Presentation on the North American Indigenous Games".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.1 Update from Legal Counsel**

Ms. Taylor confirmed that Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, would provide updates at the MNLA.

**8.2 Update from Ernst & Young, Chief Executive Officer and Finance Committee**

*Related information:*

- *Correspondence from the landlord of the MN-S office offering to extend the current rent agreement by three months (to June 2017) at a discounted rate of \$10,000 per month*
- *"Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to February 10, 2017" with the attached "List of Expenses"*
- *"Estate General Ledger Report", dated February 17, 2017*
- *"Saskatchewan Corporate Registry for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc."*
- *Correspondence from INAC's Access to Information and Privacy Directorate declining MN-S' prior request to release a letter from Robert Lafontaine*

Mr. Shoforost confirmed that a total of 86 delegates were registered to attend the MNLA and General Assembly, and that the Constitution set quorum for the MNLA at 75. There were 90 delegates counted during roll call at the 2016 MNLA. During discussion:

- Helene Johnson agreed to confirm with EY the names of the delegates attending from her region
- Tammy Mah agreed to confirm with EY the names of the delegates attending from Les Filles des Madeleine

- Derek Langan agreed to confirm with EY the names of the delegates attending from his region, and to forward the minutes of the last Regional Council meeting.

It was suggested that a constitutional amendment be considered at a future MNLA to reduce the MNLA quorum requirements (i.e. to a percentage of the membership).

Mr. Shoforost further reported that:

- The MN-S' landlord had agreed to a request to extend the MN-S' lease, and to reduce the rent by \$10,000 per month to the end of June 2017
- With the MNLA's approval, the next MN-S election will be held May 27, 2017, providing sufficient time for the new government to meet in June 2017; at that time, the new government may choose a new Expert Advisor (via an RFP process or otherwise)
- EY's current contract with the MN-S was previously extended to June 30, 2017.

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

That Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young (EY) to make the necessary arrangements to extend the current rental agreement for the MN-S' office space by three months (to June 2017), at a discounted rate of \$10,000 per month, as indicated in the January 18, 2017 correspondence to EY from Brent Suer.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Shoforost led the meeting in a review of the financial and other information provided in the sixth tabbed section of the agenda binder, and further reported that:

- A \$12,000 payment will be applied towards Batoche property taxes (to be drawn from the Back to Batoche account)
- In discussions with a consultant from Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) regarding the library items being transferred, it was agreed that items listed as "non-library items" will be reviewed with the PMC
- It is uncertain where the MN-S' security camera is stored; the IT system is inaccessible
- All invoices submitted accordingly related to Batoche 2016, have been paid.

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, noted that identifying inactive and/or dissolved locals would assist Federal Government departments attempting to contact them, and would improve opportunities for consultation with rights-bearing communities.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the MN-S' legal counsel update the Saskatchewan Corporate Registry for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., to include the following Directors:

- Jaycee Bell (effective September 10, 2016);
- Robert St. Pierre (replacing Chester Herman effective January 18, 2017); and
- Shannon Unrau (replacing Penny Hurton effective September 18, 2016).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Taylor referred the meeting to the January 30, 2017 response from INAC's Access to Information and Privacy Directorate declining MN-S' prior request to release a July 28, 2016 letter from Robert Lafontaine. After further discussion with INAC officials, it is anticipated that the letter requested will be provided.

The meeting was further informed that:

- GDI is finalizing their report on the Urban Aboriginal Strategy project, for the PMC's review and approval
- Kathy Hodgson-Smith and Will Goodon agreed to participate as Speakers for the MNLA and Chairpersons for the General Assembly, as requested by the PMC
- GDI has donated 100 bags for the delegates' kits; nametags, voters' cards, badges, and some additional items will be added to the delegate kits
- The owner of the MN-S' former URL is willing to give the URL back to the MN-S; EY's IT staff will contact the URL owner to arrange to return the website back to the MN-S' ownership
- The MNC will provide expenses for 15 delegates to attend the March 17, 2017 National Policy Forum and the March 18 and 19, 2017 MNC Special Sitting of the General Assembly in Vancouver.

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) requests the following PMC members attend the March 17, 2017 Métis National Council (MNC) National Policy Forum and the March 18 and 19, 2017 MNC Special Sitting of the General Assembly in Vancouver, British Columbia and that the MNC office be notified to make the appropriate arrangements for their attendance: 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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**It was MOVED (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Robert St. Pierre)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accepts and approves all reports and information provided under agenda Item 8.2 – “Updates from Ernst & Young, Chief Executive Officer and Finance Committee”, including:

- Budget and financial information provided in the statements titled “Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to February 10, 2017” with the attached “List of Expenses”; and the “Estate General Ledger Report”, dated February 17, 2017; and
- Verbal reports provided, including confirmation that \$12,000 will be paid for Batoche property taxes (to be drawn from the Back to Batoche account).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.3 Update from Federal Government**

An update will be provided by Federal Government representatives at the MNLA and General Assembly.

**8.4 Update from Kyle Vermette**

This item was not discussed, given Mr. Vermette’s absence.

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

**9.4 Métis Traditional Knowledge on Land Use and Occupancy**

Shannon Landrie-Crossland, Métis Consultant and Senior Researcher, commented on her professional experience in forestry, land use and consultation. She led the meeting in a review of an overhead presentation titled “Métis Traditional Knowledge on Land Use and Occupancy”. Comments were offered on her research related to the history of the Round Prairie Settlement and efforts to identify gravesites, artefacts, campgrounds, cabins, cart trails / ruts, and other sites of historic/cultural significance to the Métis.

Ms. Landrie-Crossland confirmed her current engagement with the Indigenous Monitoring and Advisory Committee – Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Program and the National Energy Board Modernization Expert Panel. She welcomed the opportunity to discuss MN-S’ involvement in future projects, particularly with respect to the role of funding coordination.

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

Earl Cook confirmed that NORTEP’s Council recommended to government that GDI be designated as NORTEP’s post-secondary partner. Given the significant amount of work required to establish GDI as a partner, unless sufficient funds were transferred promptly from government to GDI they would be unable to partner with NORTEP.

**Consensus Decision:** *By consensus, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (to be drafted by Vice-President Morin in collaboration with Earl Cook, for Vice-President Morin’s signature) requesting that:*

- *The Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP) Council’s recommendation that the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) partner with NORTEP, be honoured; and*
- *Funding from the Federal Government be promptly conveyed to GDI to accommodate the partnership and support preparations required to enable the partnership.*

**9.6 “Understanding the Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process” Conference**

Lennard Morin acknowledged the upcoming conference in Nova Scotia, which he had been requested to attend with Kyle Vermette, and asked that Helene Johnson attend on his behalf.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council requests that Helene Johnson attend the “Understanding the Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process” conference, scheduled March 8 and 9, 2017 in Membertou, Nova Scotia, in lieu of Lennard Morin; and, that Kyle Vermette be promptly informed to make the necessary arrangements for her attendance.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.7 GDI Board Representation**

**It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council endorses the recommendation from Northern Region II appointing Leonard Montgrand to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council endorses the recommendation from Western Region III appointing Juanita Taharsky to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.8 Natural Resources Canada – Request for Information**

Lela Arnold read aloud an email from a representative at the Major Projects Management Office at Natural Resources Canada, seeking clarification regarding which Métis locals should be contacted as part of the Federal Government’s consultations with Métis communities in Western Region III, on the Energy East Project. A copy of the email was submitted to EY and the MN-S CEO for information.

**8.5 Update from the MNC – Summit with Prime Minister / Ministers (Continued)**

It was noted that the resolution passed earlier in the meeting suggested that legal counsel be retained to represent the MN-S in exploratory discussions with the Federal Government related to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights.

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Robert St. Pierre)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council retain Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Legal Counsel, to represent the MN-S in exploratory discussions with Federal Government related to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.1 Les Filles des Madeleine – Update on Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) Assembly**

Tammy Mah confirmed that the LFMO Assembly was scheduled March 25 and 26, 2017 in Saskatoon. It was anticipated that 50 delegates would attend from across the country.

**9.2 Métis Youth Council**

The meeting was informed that the Youth Council met via teleconference on February 8, 2017 and confirmed five youth delegates to attend the MNLA and General Assembly.

**9.9 Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF)**

Mr. Shoforost confirmed that Pam Larson, Chief Executive Officer, CCDF, declined an invitation to attend the PMC meeting to discuss the CCDF’s recent allocation of funding to some communities. Uncertainties related to the source of the funding for the allocations, were noted.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council requests that any regions that did not recently receive a \$20,000 contribution from the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) be approved for equal funding from the CCDF.

**CARRIED**

(Shannon Unrau voted in opposition)  
(Robert St. Pierre abstained from the vote)

**9.10 Back to Batoche Festival Committee**

Darlene McKay, Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee, extended thanks to the PMC for their support in her roles as Chair of the Back to Batoche Land Management Committee and Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee.

On behalf of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee, Ms. McKay extended thanks to EY staff and volunteers for their support at Back to Batoche 2016 (with site maintenance, etc.) and for the professional and efficient management of the Batoche admission process. She commended committee members for their contributions, Shannon Unrau's group for the maintenance provided, Derek Langan's group for the security provided, and many others. Ms. McKay commended the event's sponsors and Richard Quintal's efforts that encouraged the Federal Government's support. She confirmed that the success of Back to Batoche 2016 enabled the site's past and current property taxes and insurance costs to be paid in full.

After reviewing a number of issues related to Back to Batoche 2016, Ms. McKay announced her resignation as Chair of the Back to Batoche Land Management Committee and Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee. Information related to some upcoming events at Batoche will be submitted to the MN-S office, to pass along accordingly.

**It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts Darlene McKay's resignation as Chair of the Back to Batoche Land Management Committee and Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee, and appoints Tammy Mah as Interim Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee for 2017.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

(Lela Arnold, Jaycee Bell, Michael Bell, Billy Kennedy Glen McCallum and  
Lennard Morin voted in opposition)  
(Darlene McKay abstained from the vote)

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts Darlene McKay's resignation as Chair of the Back to Batoche Land Management Committee and Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was noted that the Back to Batoche Festival Committee members' appointments remained valid for another two years. The committee could proceed without a Chair, at this time.

Co-Chair Morin recognized that a Chair needed to be appointed to the Back to Batoche Festival Committee, as soon as possible.

Mr. Shoforst noted that although EY's contract with MN-S was previously extended to June 30, 2017, discussions would be required with INAC on whether the contract could include the administration of Back to Batoche 2017.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis directs that the MN-S' contract with Ernst & Young, previously extended to June 30, 2017, be expanded to include funding for Back to Batoche 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 adjourned on February 12, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on February 17, 2017.

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN  
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING  
February 11, 12 and 17, 2017**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 in the Cosmopolitan Room, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 101 Pacific Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**DATE: Friday, February 17, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Billy Kennedy
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair	Glen McCallum
Lela Arnold	Darlene McKay
Jaycee Bell	Tammy Mah
Michael Bell	Robert St. Pierre
Earl Cook	Shannon Unrau

**ABSENT:**

Robert Doucette, President	Derek Langan
Louis Gardiner	Lennard Morin
Shelly Kapell	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kyle Vermette, Consultant	Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
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**OBSERVERS:**

Cecile Blanke	Cecilia Olfert
Barbara Card	Garry Sinclair
Penny Hurton	Wayne Whitford
Shannon Landrie-Crossland	

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

Michael Campbell, EY	Evan Shoforost, EY
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**INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVES:**

Cassandra Eby, Program Officer, INAC  
Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, INAC  
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC  
Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer, INAC

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**CALL TO ORDER and CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Co-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m. and confirmed a quorum was present.

## **Announcement**

Co-Chair Morin reviewed a recent court action in which claimants sought to cancel the MNLA and General Assembly, on the basis that the PMC had no authority to set the assemblies. As the application was dismissed, the assemblies were proceeding as scheduled.

## **10. RESOLUTIONS**

*Related information: Printed copies of eight “MNLA and General Assembly Resolutions” prepared by Kyle Vermette, Consultant*

Kyle Vermette led the meeting in a review of the resolutions prepared for consideration.

During a review of “Resolution #1 – Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and Chairpersons for the General Assembly”, members were reminded that the resolution was a general procedural matter.

During a review of “Resolution #2 – Adoption of the Agenda for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, the following comments were offered:

- No representatives from the Provincial Government have confirmed their attendance
- Cheques will be available to delegates after the MNLA and General Assembly
- The Clerk of the MNLA will conduct the Roll Call
- Changes will be considered to the MNLA and General Assembly agenda, including:
  - The presentation from “Federal Government Officials” should be indicated as “Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Ian Ketcheson”
  - “Overview MNLA (kit) Order of the Day” will be replaced with “Overview MNLA (kit)”
  - Potentially conducting the Roll Call earlier in the Agenda.

The meeting reviewed “Resolution #3 – *The Saskatchewan Métis Election Act 2007 Amendments*”, and referred to the list of proposed amendments indicated in Schedule A (attached to Resolution #3):

- During a review of the section titled “Authorizing Election Officials to Administer Oaths, Affirmations or Declarations of Voters”, the following comments were offered:
  - Elections Officers will be authorized to administer oaths
  - Voters confined to a penal or correctional institution will be able to register to vote seven days prior to election day
- During a review of the section titled “Mobile Polls for Isolated Communities”, the following comments were offered:
  - This section recognizes voters unable to vote, as they are physically isolated or shut in
  - The Chief Electoral Officer will communicate with each of the regions to identify the best locations for mobile polls and will also determine where permanent polls will be situated
- During a review of the section titled “Vouching”, the following comments were offered:
  - A registered voter can vouch for up to two vouchees who do not have adequate identification
  - The voucher must be Métis and situated within the region
  - Accepted identification and documentation is listed in Section 12(3) of the Act
- During a review of the section titled “Voting in the Office of the Regional Returning Officer”, it was noted that Article 43 created an additional voting option and can be repealed entirely.

During a review of “Resolution #4 – Confirmation of Appointment of Complaints Officer and Election Adjudicator”, it was noted that references to “Provincial Métis Council” in the second and third paragraphs, should be replaced with “Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”.

During a review of “Resolution #5 – Acceptance of Ernst & Young Financial Reports”, the meeting recalled that delegates at the 2016 General Assembly requested a presentation on the MN-S financial situation. It was noted that the date of the MN-S Budget referenced in the fifth paragraph, should be indicated as February 15, 2017.

It was noted that Jay Watson was previously appointed as the MN-S Legal Counsel, and as such “Resolution #6 – Appointment of Legal Counsel for Métis Nation – Saskatchewan” would not be brought forward for consideration at the MNLA.

During a review of “Resolution #7 – Appointment of Electoral Consultant and Setting of 2017 Election Day”, Mr. Vermette explained that the resolution outlined the process leading up to the proposed appointment of Loretta Metzger as Chief Electoral Officer and the selection of May 27, 2017 as the 2017 Election Day.

During a review of “Resolution #8 – Resolution on a Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Regional Exploratory Table with Canada”, it was noted that Canada had entered into discussions with other MNC Governing Members on how to resolve s.35 Métis rights. Resolution #8 provided support to begin MN-S’ discussions with Canada on how to resolve s.35 Métis rights.

Mr. Vermette confirmed that although there was a need for legislative reform and further changes to the *Election Act*, consideration of any substantive additional changes would occur after the 2017 MN-S Election.

**It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Jaycee Bell)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting approve the following resolutions for consideration and ratification at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly, scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017:

- **Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and Chairpersons for the General Assembly**

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, as amended, directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council to appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at their duly called meeting on December 30, 2016 resolved that a Metis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly would be called for February 18 and 19, 2017 and held in Saskatoon at TCU Place;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at their duly called meeting on January 14 and 15, 2017 appointed Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith as Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan,

Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on February 18 and 19, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly ratify the appointments of Kathy Hodgson-Smith and Will Goodon as Speaker and Deputy Speaker at the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on February 18 and 19, 2017;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith shall also serve as Chairpersons for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan General Assembly.

• **Adoption of the Agenda for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly**

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, as amended, directs the Clerk of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly be responsible for the drafting of an Agenda for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly as directed by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;

AND WHEREAS an Agenda is hereby proposed for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to be held on February 18 and 19, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following agenda be ratified by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:

DAY ONE: Saturday, February 18, 2017

- Grand Entry
- Opening Prayer
- Métis National Anthem / Canadian National Anthem
- Welcoming Remarks
  - Metis Nation – Saskatchewan
  - Métis National Council – President Clément Chartier
  - Manitoba Metis Federation – President David Chartrand
  - Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Ian Ketcheson
- Roll Call of Assembly Delegates
- Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Locals (New or Dissolved)
- Adoption of the Minutes
- Government of Canada – Presentation
- MN-S Legal Counsel – Update
- Ernst & Young – Presentation
- Appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer / Setting 2017 MN-S Election Day
- *Saskatchewan Métis Election Act* Amendments
- Métis National Council – Update
- Constitutional Amendments (if any)
- Confirmation of Appointment of Complaints Officer / Election Adjudicator
- Other Resolutions
- Swearing in of the Chief Electoral Officer
- Conclusion or Adjournment of the MNLA

DAY TWO: Sunday, February 19, 2017

- Opening Prayer
- North American Indigenous Games – Mike Tanton
- Completion of the MNLA (if required)
- Conclusion.

- ***The Saskatchewan Métis Election Act 2007 Amendments***

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is enabled, pursuant to Article 8 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to enact electoral legislation;

AND WHEREAS such amendments must be registered with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Head Office thirty (30) days prior to the sitting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Articles 2 and 15 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;

AND WHEREAS Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, did provide recommendations for amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the attached legislative amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, are necessary to enable transparent, efficient and effective functioning of a Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly ratify the attached amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, in accordance with the recommendations provided by Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, as follows (and described in the attached “Schedule A”):

1. Revise Section 12(5)(a) to read: “(a) receive the oath or affirmation of the voter”
2. Replace Section 114(3) with the following: “Authority to Administer: (3) An election officer may administer any oaths, affirmations or declarations that are required by this Act to be administered during an election”
3. Add Section 114(4): “Prohibition of fees: (4) All oaths, affirmations or declarations administered under this Act should be administered without charge”
4. Revise Section 12(4) by replacing “14 days” with “7 days”
5. Revise Section 48(1) to read: “Request for mobile poll: 48(1) A Regional Returning Officer shall give public notice that voters may call the Regional Returning Officer to request a visit by a mobile poll if, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, the voter is unable to vote at either the office of the Regional Returning Officer or the polling station because he or she is shut in or located in an isolated community”
6. In Sections 12(2)(b) and 12(3)(b), correct the spelling of “voter’s”
7. Insert the following new Section 12(4): “Other approved documentary evidence: (4) As provided in Section 12(3)(c) above, a voter may provide acceptable documentary evidence of the identity and residence for another voter that does not have the documentation referred to in Section 12(3) (a) and (b) above provided:
  - (a) the voter with acceptable documentary evidence (the “Voucher”) has registered to vote and provides the acceptable documentary evidence identified in Sections 12(2) and (3)(a) and (b) above, and otherwise complies with this Act;
  - (b) the voter without the acceptable documentary evidence (the “Vouchee”) must:

- i. go to a place for registration listed in Section 11;
  - ii. provide evidence of the voter's name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer, which entitles him or her to vote; and
  - iii. sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule;
- (c) the Voucher must:
  - i. provide evidence of the Voucher's name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer;
  - ii. provide evidence of the Vouchee's name and current address for inspection by the election officer; and
  - iii. sign and swear, or affirm, the Oath/Attestation of Voter Identity and Residence form in Form 5 of the Schedule and attach this to the Vouchee's Form 1 of the Schedule; and
- (d) all of the voters subject to this paragraph must swear or attest that the information being provided is true and for no improper purpose"
7. Insert the following new Section 12(5): "(5) Each Voucher shall not provide documentary evidence pursuant to Section 12(4) for more than two (2) Vouchees in an election"
8. Renumber the remaining sections in Article 12 accordingly
8. Repeal Article 43 in its entirety.

- **Confirmation of Appointment of Complaints Officer and Election Adjudicator**

WHEREAS the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, was duly passed by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly as the governing authority over the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election of Executive and Regional Representatives pursuant to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;

AND WHEREAS Article 116 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, provides that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall appoint and set the term for a Complaints Officer to enforce compliance with the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Article 120 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, provides that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall appoint and set the term for an Election Adjudicator to hear all complaints referred by the Complaints Officer and render a decision that is final and binding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall confirm the appointment of Gordon Kirkby as Complaints Officer for the term of two (2) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall confirm the appointment of Michael D. Nolin as Election Adjudicator for the term of two (2) years.

- **Acceptance of Ernst & Young Financial Reports**

WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (the "Government of Canada") agreed to provide funding to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, as per the Funding Agreement

(Agreement No: 1415-HQ- 000097) entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan on April 1, 2014, as amended by:

- the undated Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
- the May 1, 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
- the June 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (“Amending Agreement #3”) (collectively, the “MN-S Agreement”); and
- as subsequently amended from time to time;

AND WHEREAS as part of the MN-S Agreement, an “Expert Advisor” must be retained;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. has contracted with Ernst & Young LLP pursuant to an engagement letter dated June 17, 2016 and has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as the Expert Advisor;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Ernst & Young LLP agree that the use of an Expert Advisor is a matter relevant to carrying out the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan’s obligations under the MN-S Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at its duly called meeting on January 14 and 15, 2017, did accept as presented the reports and financial and other information presented by Ernst & Young entitled “MN-S Budget as at February 15, 2017, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statements of Receipts and Disbursements” and the “Estate General Ledger Report”, and did at previous Provincial Métis Council meetings receive financial and other reports from time to time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly accept the reports and budgets prepared by Ernst & Young, as Expert Advisors to the Provincial Métis Council, and accepted by the Provincial Métis Council, including the land title transfer to the MN-S Secretariat Inc., to date.

• **Appointment of Electoral Consultant and Setting of 2017 Election Day**

WHEREAS Article 28 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, and Article 8(2) of the *Constitution of the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan* requires that the election day for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council be held within four (4) years of the previous election;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council has retained, pursuant to the advice of Ernst & Young LLP as Expert Advisor, the expertise of Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant to advise on the process required to ensure the running of an election pursuant to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*, as amended;

AND WHEREAS at the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held July 30 and 31, 2016, February 4, 2017 was ratified as the proper timing of the next election day for the election of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;

AND WHEREAS at the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held on July 30 and 31, 2016, the appointment of Fred Payton to the position of Chief Electoral

Officer for the 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan election to be held February 4, 2017, was ratified;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer became ill and was unable to carry out his duties as Chief Electoral Officer to meet deadlines required by the February 4, 2017 election day;

AND WHEREAS Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, did advise the Provincial Métis Council and recommend a new candidate for the position of Chief Electoral Officer, Loretta Metzger;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, did, at a meeting of the Provincial Metis Council duly called, ratify the appointment of Lorne Gibson as Electoral Consultant and Loretta Metzger as interim Chief Electoral Officer, pending ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly set for February 18 and 19, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Loretta Metzger be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the 2017 Election of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election of Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Metis Council be held May 27, 2017.

- **Resolution on a Metis Nation - Saskatchewan Regional Exploratory Table with Canada**

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 memorandums of understanding 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 is the only Governing Member of the Métis National Council that has not become engaged in this process of reconciliation with the Government of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly direct the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council immediately request a similar process be engaged in with the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and to retain legal counsel to assist in the implementation of the process.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Vermette agreed to provide the revised resolutions to EY and the CEO for inclusion in the revised MNLA and General Assembly Delegate Kits/Agenda Binders.

## **CONCLUSION**

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

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held February 11, 12 and 17, 2017 now conclude.

**CARRIED**

(Time: February 17, 2017 at 4:25 p.m.)

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

*The following items were provided for information on February 11, 2017:*

1. *Draft Minutes of the January 14 and 15, 2017 MN-S PMC Meeting*
2. *Minutes of the Clearwater – Clear Lake Métis Regional Council Meeting held January 24, 2017*
3. *Correspondence from Terry Faubert, INAC, dated January 2, 2017*
4. *Proposed layout of the “Grand Gallery” for the MNLA at the TCU Place*
5. *List of resolutions being prepared for the 2017 MNLA (by Legal Counsel)*
6. *Correspondence from the landlord of the MN-S office offering to extend the current rent agreement by three months (to June 2017) at a discounted rate of \$10,000 per month*
7. *Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to February 10, 2017 and attached “List of Expenses”*
8. *Estate General Ledger Report, dated February 17, 2017*
9. *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, Summary of June 2015-December 2016 Meetings*
10. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008*
11. *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, amended September 9, 2008*
12. *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, as amended July 29, 2016*
13. *Information related to Court File #QB 22/17*

*The following additional items were provided on-table on February 11 or 12, 2017:*

14. *Notice of the “SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation 30 Year Celebration” scheduled March 7, 2017 at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building in Regina*
15. *“Resolution on a Regional Table” and “Resolution on the NWSMC”*
16. *Proposed “Order of the Day/Agenda” for the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly*
17. *Proposed Amendments to the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, submitted by Gerald Morin, January 17, 2017*
18. *Proposed Amendments to the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, submitted by Darlene McKay, January 17, 2017*
19. *Table of Contents for the MNLA and General Assembly Agenda Kit, February 18 and 19, 2017*
20. *Saskatchewan Corporate Registry for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.*
21. *Correspondence from INAC’s Access to Information and Privacy Directorate declining MN-S’ prior request to release a letter from Robert Lafontaine*

*The following items were provided for information on February 17, 2017:*

22. *General information package from the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF)*
23. *CCDF press release titled the “Clarence Campeau Development Fund Announces the “Métis Community Capacity Strategy”, dated January 31, 2017*
24. *Information related to Court Docket File #QB 22/17, between “Bryan Lee, Louis Gardiner and Kelvin Roy” and “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. and Provincial Métis Council”, dated February 16, 2017*
25. *Printed copies of the “MNLA and General Assembly Resolutions” prepared by Kyle Vermette.*