



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**
scheduled June 25 and 26, 2017

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting scheduled June 25 and 26, 2017 in Jackfish Lodge, Cochin, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Sunday, June 25, 2017

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President, Co-Chair	Billy Kennedy
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Loretta King
Mary Ann Morin, Treasurer	Derek Langan
Jaycee Bell	Sherry McLennan
Mervin (Tex) Bouvier	Tammy Mah
Ryan Carriere	Rebecca Major
Earl Cook	Leonard Montgrand
Marg Friesen	Sherry Soll
Wendy Gervais	

OBSERVERS:

Shannon Crossland	Charlene Lavallee
Sandy Friesen	Leonard McCallum
Patrick Girardeau	Lisa McCallum
Calla Gordon	Rosa Tinker
Dale Hallderson	Clayton Ward

ALSO PRESENT:

President Clément Chartier, Métis National Council (MNC) (departed at 12:00 p.m.)
President David Chartrand, Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) (departed at 10:40 a.m.)
Tiffany Monkman, Citizenship, MMF (departed at 10:40 a.m.)
Ke Ning, MNC (departed at 12:00 p.m.)
Kerry Smith, Employment and Training, MMF (departed at 10:40 a.m.)
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 5.1) (arrived at 1:10 p.m. and departed at 2:05 p.m.)

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

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

Cassandra Eby, Program Officer
Charles Marcoux, Senior Consultation Advisor
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

WELCOMING COMMENTS and OPENING PRAYER

President McCallum called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Elder Rosa Tinker offered an Opening Prayer.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Senator Clayton Ward led the meeting in a swearing-in ceremony. Each of the newly elected or acclaimed PMC members, read aloud the following Oath of Office:

*“I am a Métis. As a Métis, I honour with pride the blood of both my mother and father;
As a Métis, I acknowledge the rich history of my people and the courage and dedication of my ancestors;
As a Métis, I pledge to preserve the spirit and the identity of my people;
As a Métis I confirm my commitment to my community, my people, my nation;
As a Métis, I accept my responsibility to put service to my people ahead of self interest, and to honour the spirit of the Creator and the Métis Nation.”*

COMMENTS FROM MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION (MMF) PRESIDENT DAVID CHARTRAND

Related on-table information:

- *Publication titled “Métis Works – Investing in Our Future”*
- *Information on “Metis Employment and Training”*
- *Manitoba Métis Federation Inc. Constitution*

MMF President David Chartrand extended appreciation for the Opening Prayer from the Elder and for the opportunity to meet with the new MN-S leadership. He introduced MMF representatives accompanying him, including: Kerry Smith, Employment and Training; and Tiffany Monkman, Citizenship.

He confirmed that he had offered MMF’s assistance to the MN-S, and reviewed:

- Some of the MMF’s advancements over the past twenty years including continued budget growth and successful fundraising
- Mutually beneficial long-term arrangements achieved with Enbridge, Hydro, and other organizations
- Significantly increased attendance at MMF assemblies and regional meetings
- MMF’s purchase of revenue-generating properties and an office in Ottawa (now rented to the MNC)
- MMF hunting and harvesting rules and regulations
- Future development plans utilizing MMF revenues
- The MMF’s relationship with the Federal Government and flexibility in the use of resources
- The MMF’s Human Resources Policy, which includes an exceptional benefit and pension plan.

The MMF President encouraged the PMC to consider information available to assist in “rebuilding” and “rebranding” the MN-S, and welcomed further discussions on potential opportunities for collaboration.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Representatives from the Manitoba Metis Federation were absent when the meeting resumed.

COMMENTS FROM MÉTIS NATIONAL COUNCIL (MNC) PRESIDENT CLÉMENT CHARTIER

Related on-table information:

- *Book titled “Quiet Revolution West – the Rebirth of Métis Nationalism”*
- *Booklet titled “Emergence and evolution of the Métis Nation”*
- *Booklet titled “An End to Long Journey – Section 91(24): Indians and Lands Reserved for the Indians”*
- *Map titled “Métis Nation of the Northwest after 1821”*

MNC President Clément Chartier provided historical information on the Métis Nation and acknowledged:

- The structure of the MNC General Assembly, which is comprised of 55 delegates (15 each from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and 5 each from British Columbia and Ontario)
- Initial establishment of the “Métis Council of Canada” by the three prairie Métis organizations
- A book titled “Quiet Revolution West – the Rebirth of Métis Nationalism” and map titled “Métis Nation of the Northwest after 1821” which provided information on the history of the Métis Nation
- Plans for the 150th Anniversary of the Métis Nation in 2020, including re-establishment of the MNC office in Red River, Manitoba
- Efforts towards a central national registration into which the five regional registries would link
- Funding allocations in Budget 2017 for the Métis Nation and Governing Members.

MNC President Chartier acknowledged the Prime Minister’s December 2016 meetings with representatives of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) and the MNC, which prompted the creation of permanent bilateral mechanisms with the AFN, ITK MNC and others. The bilateral mechanism includes: a commitment to meet annually to develop policies on shared priorities and monitor progress going forward; and semi-annual meetings with Cabinet Ministers responsible for the shared priorities.

In response to questions raised, comments were offered regarding:

- Federal Government’s commitment to engage with Governing Members in exploratory discussions related to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights; the MN-S will be negotiating an agreement, similar to agreements achieved by other Governing Members
- Recognition of Métis rights and confirmation by the Queen’s Bench that Métis citizens’ hunting and fishing rights in Saskatchewan had not been extinguished by the script
- The Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation’s defence of Métis citizens in various cases
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action, which did not acknowledge Métis residential school students
- The importance of maintaining citizenship registries at an arms length from the political body.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at approximately 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m. When the meeting resumed, Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, was present and representatives from the Métis National Council had departed.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

President McCallum confirmed that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting reviewed items for inclusion on the agenda, and agreed that agendas should be provided to PMC members in advance of future PMC meetings.

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its June 25 and 26, 2017 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Métis Nation Saskatchewan History (may be postponed, time permitting)
4. Adoption of the April 22 and 23, 2017 MN-S PMC Meeting Minutes:
 - 4.1 Review of the Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Updates
 - 5.1 Legal Counsel
 - 5.2 Board Training/Banff/Governance and Structure
 - 5.3 Les Filles des Madeleine
 - 5.4 Youth
 - 5.5 Federal Government
 - 5.6 Executive/CEO
 - 5.7 Expert Advisor
 - 5.8 Finance Committee Recommendations
 - 5.9 Back to Batoche Committee
 - 5.10 Portfolio Assignments
 - 5.11 MN-S Registry
6. Resolutions
7. Elections Update / Complaints
8. Other Business
 - 8.1 Western Region III Board Appointment - Resolution
 - 8.2 Kyle Vermette – Project Completion (Update)
 - 8.3 Métis Nation Federation – Membership Cards Sold in Lloydminster
 - 8.4 Next Meeting Date – July 18, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170625-01)

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 (Marg Friesen)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170625-02)

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170625-03)

3. MÉTIS NATION SASKATCHEWAN – HISTORY

This item was postponed.

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the April 22 and 23, 2017 PMC Meeting

Co-Chair McCallum referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the April 22 and 23, 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting. The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the April 22 and 23, 2017 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170625-04)

5. UPDATES

5.1 Legal Counsel

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

- As the lease on the Batoche residence was deemed by the Court of Queen’s Bench to be non-enforceable, an order to relinquish possession by June 26, 2017 was served:
 - The legal landowner of the Batoche lands is the MN-S Secretariat Inc.
 - Parks Canada assists with maintenance of the Batoche lands; the Back to Batoche Planning Committee will be on-site while preparing for the 2017 Back to Batoche
 - A PMC-designated committee may consider how the residence and lands at Batoche should be occupied or utilized
- Applications were made to access books and records under the *Non-Profit Business Corporations Act*:
 - As only some of the respondents provided the information requested, a decision was needed on how to proceed.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that a discussion on the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation be held at the next PMC Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170625-05)

2:05 p.m.

Mr. Watson left the meeting.

5.2 Board Training / Banff / Governance and Structure

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged a board governance program offered through the Banff Centre for Governance. A program could be arranged specifically for the PMC, to be paid from the MN-S' governance funds.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

5.5 Federal Government

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, acknowledged his involvement with the MN-S since October 2014, and offered comments on:

- The appointment of EY as Expert Advisor to the MN-S PMC, and the initial provision of funding for activities up to and including the PMC election
- The Prime Minister's mandate letters to each of the Ministers, which confirmed the importance of Canada's relationships with the Indigenous peoples of Canada
- Funding for the Métis Nation in Budget 2017, which will increase annually over five years.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- The MN-S last received basic organizational capacity (BOC) funding in 2013
- In October 2014, MN-S was notified that Federal Government funding was being suspended
- Funding allocations for the Métis Nation were determined by the MNC Board of Governors:
 - In 2017, the MN-S will receive approximately \$4.5 million, inclusive of \$4.02 million for governance and \$510,000 for BOC funding
 - In five years, the MN-S' funding for governance will have incrementally increased to approximately \$9.3 million
- Separate funding may be available to the MN-S for programs including economic development (\$940,000) and the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (\$1.8 million)
- Discussions could occur on Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) funding, when the agreement is renewed; funding for the ASETS program was previously assigned to the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI)
- As the MN-S increases capacity and its activities, some aspects of the Expert Advisor's involvement could be gradually be re-balanced to the MN-S
- The MMF has staff focused specifically on consultation (i.e. Enbridge, additions to reserve); MNS could benefit from having a similar structure
- The Federal Government may be asked to assist in encouraging the Provincial Government to engage with the MN-S
- When the MN-S Registry Office closed on March 31, 2014, there were 2,900 Métis citizens registered; when the registry was subsequently secured, there were 4,000 Métis citizens registered; audits are required to ensure registrants met the criteria for Métis citizenship
- In 2015, "Métis Nation Registry Operations" Standards were developed with the Canadian Standards Association, which outlined requirements elements of the Métis Nation registry
- The Federal Government remains committed to engaging with the MN-S to begin an exploratory process towards the signing of a memorandum of understanding on the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights.

Charles Marcoux, Senior Consultation Advisor, INAC, introduced himself and acknowledged his involvement with the PMC during recent years.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

5.7 Expert Advisor

Related information:

- *“MN-S Budget – Draft”, dated June 21, 2017*
- *“Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to June 21, 2017” with the attached “List of Expenses”*
- *Three “Estate General Ledger Reports”, dated June 21, 2017.*

Evan Shoforost, Partner, EY, extended congratulations to PMC members on their recent election, and commended the returning PMC members on their past and continued involvement. He recognized his colleague, Michael Campbell and other EY representatives involved in assisting the MN-S. The meeting was informed that EY had been selected by the PMC as Expert Advisor, and that the PMC’s contract with EY would conclude on June 30, 2017.

Mr. Shoforost reviewed the following items, noting that financial and other information was accessible on the MN-S website:

- *“MN-S Budget – Draft”, dated June 21, 2017*
- *“Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to June 21, 2017” with the attached “List of Expenses”*
- *Three “Estate General Ledger Reports”, dated June 21, 2017.*

Change in Chair

Mary Ann Morin assumed the role as Chair at 4:22 p.m.

During discussion, the following comments were offered regarding the Expert Advisor role:

- EY takes direction from the PMC; EY has provided over 5,400 hours of service since their initial engagement in February 2016
- The Expert Advisor role is expected to be temporary during the MN-S’ transition
- The Expert Advisor role is referenced in the funding agreement; EY provides the capacity required for the PMC to operate
- EY staff volunteered their time to assist in site preparations and gate operations for 2016 Back to Batoche.

During a review of the financial information provided, it was noted that:

- Some surplus funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year, were repaid to INAC as required
- Urban Aboriginal Strategy funding was received as general revenue, and was subsequently directed to GDI through a contractual arrangement
- Outstanding amounts owed to secured creditors have been addressed
- The Federal Government provided funding to GDI to purchase the MN-S library, which protected the library from creditors and ensured its accessibility to academics and others.

Mr. Shoforost offered the following additional comments:

- The MN-S office lease has been extended to the end of July 2017
- Once final invoices are received, funds owed for MN-S’ participation in consultations on the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, Navigation Protection Act, Fish Habitat Protection*

- and the National Energy Board Modernization, will be sought from Federal Government
- Laptops used during the 2017 MN-S Election process could be used by the PMC Executive; MN-S email addresses can be set up for PMC members
- EY's involvement could incrementally decrease as MN-S employees are retained
- The MMF's programs and services fall under an umbrella of MMF Inc. while MN-S has separate corporations with separate boards; the MMF model should be considered
- The Expert Advisor's current contract concludes June 30, 2017
- Federal Government's funding may be conditional on having an Expert Advisor in place, until the MN-S is deemed to be financially healthy.

During discussion, it was suggested that potential future MN-S PMC priorities could include:

- Development of operational procedures, and documenting the roles and responsibilities of the PMC, Executive, Chief Executive Officer, Cabinet Ministers and staff
- Increased local and regional capacity (i.e. minutes should be taken at meetings)
- Constitutional reform (i.e. some MN-S documents need to be updated)
- Relocating the MN-S office:
 - The current office space securely accommodates the MN-S registry
 - A smaller and more cost-efficient office space could be pursued on a one-year lease
 - One office could potentially accommodate the MN-S and its affiliates
 - Relocating the MN-S registry to a document storage facility until it can be audited
- Other potential funding sources (i.e. through Provincial Government, gaming revenues, etc.)
- Allocating economic development funds
- Finalizing audits of prior MN-S financial statements, for submission to Federal Government.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that EY be retained as Expert Advisor to the MN-S, from July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Motion to Postpone

That consideration of the Main Motion be postponed to June 26, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held June 25 and 26, 2017 adjourned on June 25, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on June 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
scheduled June 25 and 26, 2017

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting scheduled June 25 and 26, 2017 in Jackfish Lodge, Cochin, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Monday, June 26, 2017

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President, Co-Chair	Billy Kennedy
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Loretta King
Mary Ann Morin, Treasurer	Derek Langan
Jaycee Bell	Sherry McLennan
Mervin (Tex) Bouvier	Tammy Mah
Ryan Carriere	Rebecca Major
Earl Cook	Leonard Montgrand
Marg Friesen	Sherry Soll
Wendy Gervais	

OBSERVERS:

Shannon Crossland	Lisa McCallum
Sandy Friesen	Verna McCallum
Calla Gordon	Mel Parenteau
Dale Halderson	Elton Soll
Charlene Lavallee	

ALSO PRESENT:

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer (arrived 9:05 a.m.)

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

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

Cassandra Eby, Program Officer
Charles Marcoux, Senior Consultation Advisor
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER and CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Co-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed a quorum was present. Senator Ward offered an Opening Prayer.

5.4 Youth Council

Jaycee Bell, Acting Chair, Youth Council, confirmed that some regions had not yet designated a youth representative to participate on the Youth Council.

9:05 a.m.

Mavis Taylor arrived at the meeting.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- Efforts are being made to establish a national Youth Council
- Each region can determine how to designate a provincial Youth Council representative
- The election of the President of the provincial Youth Council can be called at any time.

Request for Action

Jaycee Bell agreed to forward a list of regions that have designated regional representatives to the Provincial Youth Council to the PMC.

5.3 Les Filles des Madeleine

Related information:

- *Correspondence from the Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) dated May 27, 2015*
- *Bylaws for the Métis Women of Saskatchewan Inc. dated 1995.*

Tammy Mah reported that the next LFMO Annual General Meeting may be scheduled during the second week in August 2017. She further noted that:

- The name of the organization will be changed, as it is unable to incorporate under the name “Les Filles des Madeleine”
- Three regions have not yet assigned a regional representative to Les Filles des Madeleine
- Les Filles des Madeleine earned \$15,000 for services provided during Back to Batoche 2016.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- A process to ensure fair representation of all regions in future elections for the President of Les Filles des Madeleine
- Membership of Les Filles des Madeleine (ten Board members and four Executive members)
- The LFMO’s annual receipt of \$180,000 of which \$110,000 is for its Annual General Meeting
- Scheduling of a Les Filles des Madeleine meeting to coincide with the LFMO Annual Meeting.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council allocates funding to enable each region to send the same number of delegates (up to five) to attend an annual meeting of Les Filles des Madeleine, depending on finances available.

CARRIED (170625-06)

(Wendy Gervais and Billy Kennedy abstained from the vote)

Request for Action

Tammy Mah agreed to forward a list of regions that have designated regional representatives to Les Filles des Madeleine to the PMC.

5.6 Executive / CEO

Mavis Taylor, CEO, extended congratulations to PMC members on their election, and offered comments regarding:

- Information, minutes and reports available on the MN-S website
- The Finance Committee’s collaboration with the Expert Advisor and the CEO on a workplan for submission to INAC
- MMF’s offer to share their job descriptions and operating policies with the MN-S.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that future agreements entered into on behalf of the MN-S, be signed by the MN-S President and Vice President and authorized by the PMC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170625-07)

5.8 Finance Committee

Mary Ann Morin reported that the Finance Committee would prepare a draft budget for presentation at a future PMC meeting.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Availability of an alternate and more cost-efficient office space; a smaller office was available near the airport, which could accommodate future PMC meetings and an administrative staff person
- Contracts for the Expert Advisor and the Chief Executive Officer
- Potential availability of subsidized options for hiring staff, through Federal and Provincial Government programs.

ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was MOVED (Rebecca Major) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now adjourns to an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 10:25 a.m.)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting held June 25 and 26, 2017, reconvened on June 26, 2017 at 12:45 p.m.

6. RESOLUTIONS

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

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that effective July 1, 2017, Mavis Taylor’s role as Chief Executive Officer be changed to Executive Assistant for three months, after which she will receive a severance payout.

CARRIED (170626-08)

(Wendy Gervais, Loretta King, Sherry McLennan, Tammy Mah and Rebecca Major voted in opposition)

5.10 Portfolio Assignments

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves, as presented, the following Portfolio Assignments:

- Economic Development Portfolio – Leonard Montgrand
- Education Portfolio – Earl Cook
- Environment Portfolio – Mervin “Tex” Bouvier
- Finance Portfolio – Mary Ann Morin
- Health Portfolio – Marg Friesen
- Housing Portfolio – Derek Langan
- Justice, Child and Family Services Portfolio – Wendy Gervais
- Sports, Culture and Recreation Portfolio – Billy Kennedy.

CARRIED (170626-09)

(Rebecca Major abstained from the vote)

5.8 Finance Committee (Continued)

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts, as presented, the following Finance Committee appointments: Earl Cook, Gerald Morin, Mary Ann Morin and Sherry Soll.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170626-10)

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The intent of the PMC’s committees and commissions to provide guidance to the PMC; decisions will not be made by a PMC committee or commission without the PMC’s approval
- Benefits of drafting terms of reference for each of the PMC’s committees and commissions
- Assignment of portfolios based on PMC members’ background and knowledge.

5.9 Back to Batoche Committee

Earl Cook acknowledged Back to Batoche Committee members: Jaycee Bell, Earl Cook, Billy Kennedy and Glen McCallum. Darlene MacKay served as Back to Batoche Coordinator.

During discussion, it was confirmed that:

- Back to Batoche is scheduled July 20-23, 2017
- Métis Nation of Alberta is sponsoring some events on July 21, 2017 and the MMF is sponsoring some events on July 22, 2017
- Some EY volunteers assisted with site preparations for 2016 Back to Batoche and operations
- Requests for tenders were posted on the website; a tender for security services was accepted at a recent Back to Batoche Committee meeting
- Donations from Clarence Campeau Development Fund contributed to some site improvements.

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

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that \$100,000 funding be requested from Federal Government, to assist in preparations for 2017 Back to Batoche.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170626-11)

During discussion on future Back to Batoche events, it was suggested that consideration be given to: involving Western Region II in event preparation and/or coordination; and utilizing any available funding to upgrade the baseball diamonds.

5.11 MN-S Registry

This item was not considered.

5.7 Expert Advisor (Continued)

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Marvin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that EY be retained as MN-S’ Expert Advisor for the period July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170626-12)

1:10 p.m.

Mary Ann Morin left the meeting.

6. RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

It was MOVED (Rebecca Major) and SECONDED (Sherry Soll)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the following PMC members represent the MN-S at the July 19-20, 2017 Special Sitting of the Métis National Council General Assembly in Saskatoon: Mervin (Tex) Bouvier, Ryan Carriere, Earl Cook, Marg Friesen, Wendy Gervais, Billy Kennedy, Loretta King, Derek Langan, Glen McCallum, Sherry McLennan, Tammy Mah, Rebecca Major, Leonard Montgrand, Gerald Morin, Mary Ann Morin and Sherry Soll (Jaycee Bell will be an alternate attendee).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170626-13)

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.4 Next Meeting Date – July 18, 2017

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the next PMC meeting be held on July 18, 2017, immediately prior to the July 19-20, 2017 Special Sitting of the Métis National Council General Assembly in Saskatoon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170626-14)

7. ELECTIONS UPDATE / COMPLAINTS

Related information: Correspondence from the Chief Electoral Officer, dated June 23, 2017 regarding the Provincial Voters List.

Evan Shoforst, EY, referenced the “Voters Lists” provided by the Chief Electoral Officer after the recent MN-S Election, noting that Regional Chairs could email the Chief Electoral Officer for a copy of the voters list for their respective regions.

8.2 Kyle Vermette – Project Completion (Update)

In response to questions raised, it was confirmed that Kyle Vermette, Legal Counsel, was previously engaged for projects he completed on the MN-S’ behalf, and was paid an advance.

Request for Action

Co-Chair Morin agreed to pursue an update on the status of Kyle Vermette’s outstanding invoices for projects completed on the MN-S’ behalf.

8.3 Métis Nation Federation – Membership Cards Sold in Lloydminster

Concerns were expressed regarding an individual in the Lloydminster area, reportedly charging \$15 for issuing unauthorized Métis membership cards.

During discussion, it was noted that:

- Some locals provided Métis students (without Métis citizenship cards) with written confirmation of their Métis citizenship, to enable them to attend school as Métis students
- Local 33 issued membership cards (as the “First Indigenous Riel Local”); a Code of Ethics package was provided with the cards, confirming the membership was specific to Local 33.

8.1 Western Region III Board Appointment - Resolution

Related information: On-table resolution passed by Western Region III related to a GDI Board appointment.

Wendy Gervais requested the PMC’s endorsement of a resolution passed by Western Region III related to a recent appointment to the GDI Board. It was requested that any future resolutions presented for the PMC’s endorsement, include the appropriate region’s signatures.

It was MOVED (Rebecca Major) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council endorse the following resolution passed by the Western Region III Council:

“WHEREAS the MN-S Constitution states “The Regional Council shall have the responsibility of making all appointments to the Institution and Affiliates at the Regional and Provincial levels. In the event that the Regional representative is not so appointed, he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Regional Institutions and Affiliates” (amended June 26, 1997);

AND WHEREAS the Regional Council of Western Region III of the MN-S has not held a duly legal constituted Regional Council Meeting during the past 5 years in order to vet all Regional Applicants for appointments on all MN-S affiliate boards;

AND WHEREAS the Western Region III Regional Council meeting dated January 26, 2017 where Juanita Tuharsky was appointed to the Métis Women’s Board as Western Region III Representative was not a duly legal constituted meeting;

AND WHEREAS Juanita Tuharsky has subsequently been appointed to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors as Western Region III representation as a result of this meeting on January 26, 2017 without due process and duly legal constituted minutes from said meeting; and

AND WHEREAS the current Regional Director and Regional Council of Western Region III of the MN-S will begin the process of a legal constituted Regional Council Meeting that will ensure a clear and transparent vetting process is implemented to process all MN-S affiliate and board positions.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Juanita Tuharsky be removed from the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors as Western Region III representation effective immediately and this position will remain VACANT until applicants have been vetted according to the Regional Council”.

CARRIED (170626-15)

Request for Action

It was suggested that a future PMC meeting consider Urban Aboriginal Strategy funding.

Request for Action

PMC members agreed to submit to EY, their contact information including email addresses.

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled June 25 and 26, 2017, now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 1:45 p.m.)

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the meeting on June 25, 2017:

1. Correspondence from Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, NRIII Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
2. Correspondence and invoice from May Henderson, regarding “Outstanding Wages Owed for 2015/2016 – 2016-2017 Fiscal Years”, dated June 20, 2017
3. Correspondence and invoice from Robert Doucette, regarding “Outstanding Wages Owed for 2015/2016 – 2016-2017 Fiscal Years”, dated June 20, 2017
4. A resolution submitted from Western Region III regarding appointments to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors, dated June 23, 2017
5. The Métis Nation Saskatchewan “Oath of Office”, dated June 25, 2017
6. Information provided by the Manitoba Metis Federation:
 - Postcard with information on the Métis Employment and Training Program
 - Booklet titled “Real Change, Métis Works”
 - Booklet titled “Métis Works, Investing in our Future”
 - Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. Constitution
7. Information provided by the Métis National Council:
 - Publication titled “Quiet Revolution West – the Rebirth of Métis Nationalism”, by John Weinstein
 - Map titled “Métis Nation of the North-West after 1821
 - Publication titled “An End to Long Journey, Section 91(24) – Indians and Lands Reserved for the Indians”
 - Publication titled “Emergency and Evolution of the Métis Nation”, dated June 2016
8. Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled April 22 and 23, 2017
9. Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, as amended February 18-19, 2017
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. The Métis Act, effective January 2002
13. Bylaws, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.
14. Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Citizenship Act
15. Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Senate Act
16. Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Human Resources Policy Manual
17. Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Inc. -
18. “Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Ernst & Young Inc. – Second Report to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly” dated February 15, 2017 and related appendices
19. “Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Ernst & Young Inc. – Report to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly” dated July 29, 2016 and related appendices
20. “MN-S Budget – Draft”, dated June 21, 2017
21. “Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to June 21, 2017” with the attached “List of Expenses”
22. Three “Estate General Ledger Reports”, dated June 21, 2017
23. EY correspondence to the MN-S President and Vice President regarding “Independent Oversight Advisor – Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”, dated June 7, 2017
24. “Canada-Métis Nation Accord” dated April 13, 2017, and related media releases
25. Correspondence from Patrick McKenna, Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson and attached “Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan” decision, Docket QB211 of 2016, dated April 6, 2017
26. Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan “Transcript of oral questioning of May Violet Henderson by Mr. Watson”, on April 24, 2017
27. Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan “Transcript of oral questioning of John Robert Lafontaine by Mr. Watson”, on April 24, 2017
28. QBG No. 1491 of 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. v. the Métis Society of Saskatchewan Inc. et al, dated May 18, 2017
29. Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan “Transcript of oral questioning of Louis Gardiner by Mr. Watson”, on May 23, 2017
30. Correspondence from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to the Métis Nation-

Saskatchewan President Robert Doucette, dated October 1, 2014 advising that payments to the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan would halted as of November 14, 2017

31. Correspondence from former Treasurer Louis Gardiner dated June 14, 2017 requesting compensation for his salaries from April 1, 2015 to September 2016
32. Unofficial List of Regional Directors and Local President, dated May 31, 2017
33. Minutes of the April 7, 2013 Les Filles de Madeleine Association Meeting at which Tammy Mah was elected President
34. The Métis Women of Saskatchewan Inc. bylaws, dated 1995
35. Métis Nation Governance Expenditure Template