

Provincial Council Resolution

Date: August 24, 2022

Re: Direction on Province-Wide Ratification Vote

WHEREAS:

A. The 94th Métis Nation of Alberta Annual Assembly resolved that:

- 1. the final draft of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution is approved and be placed in the hands of all MNA citizens through a province-wide ratification vote in the fall of 2022 that allows all MNA citizens 16 years of age or over to vote (by ballot, including online or by mail) on the potential passage of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution;
- 2. the MNA provide information on the final draft of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution to all MNA citizens, including ensuring information is sent to each citizen's last known mailing address as well as undertaking an extensive information and media campaign on the ratification vote to encourage as many citizens as possible to vote;
- B. The MNA Provincial Council has met to discuss how to ensure the direction of the Assembly is implemented as well as ensure that as many MNA citizens as possible are able to vote in the province-wide ratification vote.

THEREFORE THE MNA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL RESOLVES:

- 1. The posting for a Chief Electoral Officer ("CEO") for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Province-Wide Ratification Vote ("PRV") be posted with a closing date of September 9, 2022;
- 2. A MNA Provincial Council meeting be called for September 13, 2022 to:
 - a. Select a CEO for the PRV;
 - **b.** Review and approve rules for the conduct of the PRV to be publicly posted by the end of September 2022;
- **3.** A press conference event be held before the end of September 2022 as a "kick off" for information to be provided to MNA citizens about the PRV;

- **4.** The MNA organize information sessions to be held throughout September and October across the province, including on-line sessions, where the MNA Constitution Commission will present on the draft Otipemisiwak Métis Government that will be voted on and information on the PRV will be provided;
- 5. The MNA work with Regional Councils, Locals, Youth, Women, and Elders to organize events to provide additional information about the Otipemisiwak Métis Government as well as the PRV, including establishing a process for proposal-based funding to be provided for these events and activities;
- **6.** The MNA undertake a province-wide media and communications strategy to make as many MNA citizens as possible aware of the PRV;
- 7. Voting in the PRV will begin November 1 and end on November 30, 2022 with the potential of voting being extended if necessary or determined by the CEO;