



Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizens' Council

MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:		November 20, 2023 - 9:00AM	
LOCATION:		Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre – St. Michael's Room	
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	8:00AM	<i>BREAKFAST PROVIDED ON SITE</i>	
1	9:00AM	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	9:00AM	OPENING PRAYER	
3	9:05AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA <i>**Motion Required**</i>	CHAIR
4	9:10AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
5	9:15AM	ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS a.) Update on actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – Oct 16, 2023	CHAIR
6	9:20AM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES a.) Citizens' Council Meeting – Oct 16, 2023 <i>**Motion Required**</i>	CHAIR
7	9:30AM	LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL(S) a.) BN: Proposed Amendment to Section 55(2)c of the OMG Self-Government Act <i>**Motion Required**</i> b.) BN: Proposed Amendment to Section 13(1) of the OMG Financial Management Act <i>**Motion Required**</i>	CHAIR
8	10:00AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Senior Executive Officer BN: Officers & Judicial Tribunal Remuneration Report <i>**Motion Required**</i> b.) Registrar of Citizenship <i>**Motion Required**</i> c.) BN: Self Government <i>**Motion Required**</i>	



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-	10:40AM	BREAK	
9	11:00AM	IN-CAMERA ITEM: COMMITTEE BUSINESS - OMG OFFICERS **Motion Required**	COMMITTEE CHAIR(S)
10	11:30AM	OFFICER REPORT(S) Otipemisiwak Métis Government 2023 General Election: Report of the Chief Electoral Officer **Motion Required**	OFFICER(S)
-	12:30PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
11	1:30PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM: REPORTS & ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL **Motion Required**	LEGAL COUNSEL
-	2:30PM	BREAK	
12	3:00PM	NEXT STEPS	CHAIR
13	3:30PM	COMMUNICATION PLAN **Motion Required**	PUBLIC AFFAIRS
14	4:00PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
15	4:10PM	CLOSING PRAYER	
16	4:15PM	ADJOURNMENT **Motion Required**	CHAIR



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Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

9:45AM The Chair called the November 20, 2023, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:45AM Sec. Karen Collins delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of the Agenda

9:46AM **MOTION:**
Moved by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg
That the agenda for the November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as presented.
Seconded by: Sec. Jason Chernow

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – President's Welcome

9:47AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcoming Address.

Agenda Item #5 – Administrative Matters

a.) Update on Actions from the Citizens' Council Meeting – October 16, 2023

9:57AM The Chair read onto the floor an update on the action items arising from the minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting held on October 16, 2023.



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Agenda Item #6 – Approval of Minutes

a.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, October 16, 2023

10:00AM **MOTION:**
Moved by: Sec. Karen Collins
The Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting – Oct 16, 2023 be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #7 – Legislative Proposals

a.) BN: Proposed Amendment to Section 55(2)c of the OMG Self-Government Act

10:05AM **MOTION:**
Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed amendment to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Self-Government Act be deemed to have been given second reading, as amended, in accordance with the requirements set out in Section 50 of the Self-Government Act, and that the proposed amendment be referred to Council for third reading.
Seconded by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe

Debate from the floor.

Result: Carried by Consensus

MOTION: Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed amendment to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Self-Government Act be deemed to have been read a third time and that Otipemisiwak Métis Government Self Government Act is hereby enacted as amended as Otipemisiwak Métis Government law.

Moved by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo.
Seconded by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) BN: Proposed Amendment to Section 13(1) of the OMG Financial Management Act



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MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed amendment to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Financial Management Act be deemed to have been given second reading, as amended, in accordance with the requirements set out in Section 50 of the Self-Government Act, and that the proposed amendment be referred to Council for third reading.

Seconded by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

Debate from the Floor.

Result: Carried by Consensus

MOTION:

Moved by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed amendment to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Financial Management Act be deemed to have been read a third time and that Otipemisiwak Métis Government Financial Management Act is hereby enacted as amended as Otipemisiwak Métis Government law.

Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #8 – OMG Administration Reports

a.) Registrar of Citizenship

10:20AM The Chair directed the Registrar of Citizenship to deliver a report onto the floor.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

The Report from the Registrar of Citizenship Report be accepted for as presented for information.

Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

No debate.



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Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Self-Government BN: Bill C-53 Update

The Chair directed the Senior Director of Self-Government to deliver a report onto the floor.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Karen Collins

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council, that the Self-Government Department update in respect to Bill C-53 is accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Sec. Jason Chernow

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) BN: In-Camera Meeting Primer

The Chair directed the Senior Director of Self-Government to deliver a report onto the floor.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council, that the Briefing Note on in-Camera meetings be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Sec Jason Chernow.

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus



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d.) SEO – BN: Officers & Judicial Tribunal Remuneration Report

The Senior Executive Officer delivered a report onto the floor.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION:

Moved by: Rep. Alfred L'Hirondelle

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council, that the Officers & Judicial Tribunal Remuneration Report prepared by the Senior Executive Officer, be accepted as presented, and the remuneration rates for Officers and Judicial Tribunal members of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government be prescribed as follows:

Chair:

- a.) Where the Chair is not an active employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, that they be entitled to an honoraria rate of **\$750.00 per meeting day**, inclusive of time spent for preparation and follow up matters associated with the meeting.
- b.) Where the Chair is an active employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, that the duties of the Chair be included in the existing salary associated to their position.
- c.) The Chair shall be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.
- d.) Where the Chair is an active employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, that the duties of the Chair be included in the existing salary associated to their position.
- e.) Where the Chair is not an active employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, that they be entitled to an honoraria rate of **\$750.00 per meeting day**, inclusive of time spent for preparation and follow up matters associated with the meeting.
- f.) The Chair shall be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.

Ombudsman

- a.) Salary based remuneration rate of **\$90,000 per annum**.
- b.) The Ombudsman shall be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.

Auditor General

- a.) Where the Auditor General is also contracted to be the independent financial auditor of the OMG, no additional fee shall be payable.
- b.) Where an external, arm's length, Auditor General is appointed by Council they shall be entitled to a flat fee remuneration rate of **\$35,000 per annum**.
- c.) The Auditor General shall be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.



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Judicial Tribunal Chair

- a.) Honoraria based remuneration rate of **\$650/day worked up to and including 8 hours on business of the Tribunal.**
- b.) The Judicial Tribunal Chair shall be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.

Judicial Tribunal Member

- a.) Honoraria based remuneration rate of **\$470/day worked up to and including 8 hours on business of the Tribunal.**
- b.) Judicial Tribunal Members shall be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.

Seconded by: Rep. Darryl Campbell

Debate from the floor.

Sec. Lisa San Filippo requested that the record of debate reflect that the decision is made in absence of the OMG/MNA travel policy having been tabled before the Citizens' Council.

Result: Carried by Consensus

10:40AM The Chair declared Council to be in recess.

11:00AM The Chair recalled Council to order.

Agenda Items #9 & #12 - In-Camera Item(s): Committee Business: OMG Officers; Intergovernmental Affairs: Métis National Council

11:00AM **MOTION:**
Moved by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe
Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus



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MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow
Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg.
Be it resolved that the recommendation of the nominations of the Officers and Judicial Tribunal Nomination Committee be selected for appointment as OMG Officers and Judicial Tribunal Members as presented,

Officers:

Chair: Garrett Tomlinson for a term of 4 years;
Ombudsman: Phillip Werth for a term of 4 years;
Auditor General: Ruben Jeffery for a term of 4 years.

Judicial Tribunal:

Chair: Lionel Chartrand for a term of 4 Years;
Member, North Saskatchewan River: Arlan Deslisle;
Member, Peace River: Shea Taylor;
each for a term of 4 years; and
Member: Battle River: John Phillips;
for a term of 2 years.

Seconded by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe.

Debate from the floor.

Result: Carried by Consensus

MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council, that administration is hereby directed to re-advertise the positions of Judicial Tribunal Member of the Lower Athabasca Métis Territory and the Lesser Slave Lake Métis Territory to facilitate a future appointment decision by Council.

Seconded by: Sec. Tai Amy Grauman



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Debate from the floor.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Officer Report(s): Otipemisiwak Métis Government 2023 General Election: Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

11:45AM The Chair directed the Chief Electoral Officer of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to deliver their report onto the floor.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

The Otipemisiwak Métis Government 2023 General Election: Report of the Chief Electoral Officer is accepted as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Darryl Campbell.

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:30PM The Chair declared the Council to be in recess.

1:30PM The Chair recalled Council to order.

Agenda Item #11 – In-Camera Item: Reports & Advice From Legal Counsel

1:30PM **MOTION:**
Moved by: Sec. Karen Collins
Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus



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MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield
Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Rep. Alfred L'Hirondelle

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

RESOLUTION (by MOTION):

Moved by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg

WHEREAS for generations Métis Nation Citizens and communities within Alberta exercised the Métis right of self-government through the Métis Nation of Alberta (“MNA”);

AND WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments required the MNA to incorporate under Alberta’s *Societies Act* to facilitate funding arrangements and intergovernmental relations;

AND WHEREAS MNA Citizens, Métis communities, and the MNA Annual General Assembly have consistently directed the MNA to further exercise the Métis rights to self-government in Alberta by adopting a constitution—as Métis law—to replace the MNA’s Bylaws under Alberta’s *Societies Act*;

AND WHEREAS through a province-wide vote in the fall of 2022, MNA Citizens overwhelmingly ratified the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution (“**Constitution**”);

AND WHEREAS as a transitional step while the Crown and Métis Nation within Alberta negotiate a self-government treaty, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and its District Councils will continue to use Bylaws under Alberta’s *Societies Act* to give effect to the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS on May 27, 2023, a special meeting of MNA Citizens adopted a special resolution to repeal and replace the MNA’s Bylaws to enable the Constitution to come



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into force in September 2023 with the election of the first Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government;

AND WHEREAS article 31.3 of the Constitution requires the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to have in place a transition plan ("**Transition Plan**") as of the Constitution's coming into force;

AND WHEREAS Transition Plan must address, among other things, how the various interests, assets, and liabilities of each MNA Local Council and Regional Council may be transitioned to a District Council as a part of the future Otipemisiwak Métis Government while ensuring ongoing local and/or regional benefit and control of any currently held interests and assets;

AND WHEREAS a draft Transition Plan, including draft District Council Bylaws, was presented to the MNA's 95th Annual General Assembly in August 2023 and then approved by the MNA's Provincial Council on September 5, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the draft District Council Bylaws included in the Transition Plan have been revised and updated to ensure consistency with the Constitution and Otipemisiwak Métis Government Laws while providing District Councils with the flexibility needed to adapt the draft District Council Bylaws to reflect the needs, ambitions, and self-determination of the Citizens and communities of in their Districts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Subject to technical edits as may be required, the updated draft District Council Bylaws (attached as annex A to this resolution) are approved in principle.
- 2) The Otipemisiwak Métis Government's self-government team is directed to continue engagements with the MNA's Local and Regional Councils as well as newly elected District Captains with a view to establishing District Councils in every District of the Métis Nation within Alberta.

Seconded by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo

Debate from the floor.

Result: Carried by Consensus



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2:30PM The Chair declared the Council to be in recess.

3:00PM The Chair recalled Council to order.

Agenda Item #13 – Next Steps

3:00PM The Chair, in consultation with the gave notice that the next Citizens' Council Meeting and Elected Officials Education & Onboarding Sessions would be held on January 23-25, 2024 at a location to be determined.

Agenda Item #14 – Communication Plan

3:30PM The Chair directed the Associate Director of Public Affairs to present the communication plan for the decisions of Council onto the floor.

Agenda Item #15 – President's Closing Remarks

4:00PM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Closing Remarks.

Agenda Item #16 – Closing Prayer

4:10PM Sec. Karen Collins delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #17 – Adjournment

4:15PM There being no further business of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government properly tabled on the agenda, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn Council.

MOTION:

Moved by: Sec. Grant Lacombe

Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stand adjourned.

Seconded by: Rep. Barry Dibb

The Chair declared that the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned to January 23, 2024 at 9:00AM