



Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizens' Council

ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:	May 29, 2024 - 10:00AM		
LOCATION:	Métis Crossing 17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0		
ROOM:	Gathering Centre		
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	8:00AM	BREAKFAST PROVIDED ON SITE	
-	8:30AM	ONSITE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	ADMINISTRATION
1	10:00AM	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	10:00AM	OPENING PRAYER	
3	10:05AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA **Motion Required**	CHAIR
4	10:05AM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES a.) Citizens' Council Meeting – May 2, 2024 **Motion Required**	CHAIR
5	10:10AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
6	10:20AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – May 2, 2024 b.) Agenda Request(s) **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	10:30AM	IN-CAMERA ITEM: a.) Committee Business – Judicial Tribunal Nomination b.) MNA Legal Counsel Update **Motion Required**	LEGAL COUNSEL
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
8	1:00PM	REPRESENTATIVE(S) BUSINESS a.) Legislative Proposal - 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens **Motion Required** b.) OMG Support for Extending the Federal Voting Age to 16 **Motion Required** c.) RLI Funding Applications Exceed Capacity **Motion Required**	REP. AURA LEDDY PRESIDENT CHAIR

		d.) Métis Youth and Sport e.) Change in Meeting Format	SEC. SHANNON DUNFIELD SEC. JASON CHERNOW
9	1:30PM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Environment & Climate Change i. District Emergency Management Support Discussion b.) Self-Government Department i. BN: Self-Government & Transition Status Update **Motion Required** ii. BN: Approved Terms of Reference: EMC **Motion Required** iii. BN: Delegation of Authority: EMC **Motion Required** iv. BN: Approved Terms of Reference: LPAC **Motion Required** c.) Registrar's Quarterly Update i. BN: Registrar Update(s) **Motion Required**	OMG DIRECTOR(S)
10	2:30PM	ANNUAL REPORTS ON OPERATIONS a.) Auditor General **Motion Required** b.) Judicial Tribunal **Motion Required** c.) Ombudsman **Motion Required**	CHAIR
11	2:45PM	LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL a.) BN: Proposed Amendment to Sections 9, 10(4) & 16(1) of the District Boundaries Act. **Motion Required**	SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	3:00PM	BREAK	
12	3:15PM	CITIZENS' GATHERING	PRESIDENT
13	3:45PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ PUBLIC AFFAIRS
14	4:15PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
15	4:25PM	CLOSING PRAYER	
16	4:30PM	ADJOURNMENT **Motion Required**	CHAIR

1.) Administration will be on site 8:30 am to 10:00 am prior to the start of the Council Meeting to assist and answer any questions Council Members may have. Please bring any equipment (laptops, electronic devices), that you require set up assistance with. Additionally, we are available to help facilitate any expense claims related to travel or accommodations.



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MEETING MINUTES	
DATE:	May 29, 2024 – 10:00AM
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ROOM:	Cultural Gathering Centre

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

10:01AM The Chair called the May 29, 2024, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

10:01AM Sec. Karen Collins delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

10:06AM **MOTION #20240529-1:**
Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow
That the agenda for the May 29, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as presented with the noted items added to the agenda.
Seconded by: Rep. Darryl Campbell

Debate from the floor.

Changes:

Agenda Item 8d added to Agenda: Métis Youth and Sport

Agenda Item 8e added to Agenda: Change in meeting format

Agenda Item 9bii added to Agenda:

- Council to accept the Terms of Reference for Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee as information.
- Council to accept the Terms of Reference for Emergency Management Committee as information.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

a.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, May 2, 2024



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10:09AM **MOTION #20240529-2:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield
The Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting May 2, 2024, be approved as amended with the noted changes.
Seconded by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

Debate from the floor.

Changes:

Agenda Item 7c, 'LIUNA' to be expanded to 'Laborer's International Union of North America' on May 2, 2024, meeting minutes.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

10:11AM President Andrea Sandmaier to read onto the floor the President's Welcoming Address.

Action Item #1: Administration to share with Representatives resources to get updates about court cases.

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

- a.) *Update on actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – May 2, 2024*
- b.) *Agenda Request(s)*

10:45AM The Chair / Senior Director of Self-Government read onto the floor the Chair's report.

MOTION #20240529-3:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chair's Report be accepted as information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Nancy Cardinal

Debate from the floor.

Actions Item #2: Administration to create document regarding online, in-camera expectations for attendees.

Result: Carried by Consensus



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Agenda Item #7 – In-Camera Item(s)

- 10:53AM **MOTION #20240529-4:**
Moved by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Sec. Rebecca Lavallee
- Undebatable.*
- Result:** Carried by Consensus
- 10:54AM Sec. Lisa Wolfe completed the in-camera declaration.
Rep. Sarah Wolfe completed the in-camera declaration.
Sec. Lisa San Filippo completed the in-camera declaration.
Rep. Alfred L'Hirondelle completed the in-camera declaration.
- 11:15AM **MOTION #20240529-5:**
Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Sec. Grant Lacombe
- Undebatable.*
- Result:** Carried by Consensus
- 11:16AM **MOTION #20240529-6:**
Moved by: Sec. Karen Collins
Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council accept the Judicial Tribunal Nomination Committee's recommendation of appointments for the Lesser Slave Lake and Lower Athabasca Territories as presented in the Letter of Recommendation.
Seconded by: Sec. Brooke Bramfield
- No debate.*
- Result:** Carried by Consensus
- 11:17AM RESOLUTION (by **MOTION**) #20240529-7:
Moved by: Sec. Karen Collins

WHEREAS for generations, Métis Nation citizens in Alberta and the Métis communities comprised of those citizens (collectively, the "**Métis Nation within Alberta**"), have exercised their inherent rights of self-government and self-determination, including through establishing



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the Métis Nation of Alberta (“MNA”) as a distinct Métis government to represent them for the purposes of self-government and advancing their collective Métis rights;

AND WHEREAS historically the federal and provincial governments have refused to recognize the self-government and self-determination rights of the Métis Nation within Alberta and required the MNA to incorporate under Alberta's *Societies Act* in order to facilitate funding arrangements and intergovernmental relations through an entity that had legal status and capacity as recognized in Canadian law;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Alberta has long sought to have its self-government recognized through a modern-day treaty or other constitutionally-protected agreement or arrangement with the Crown and has, since 2017, been in negotiations with the federal government to reach such a treaty, including implementation legislation, that once concluded and in effect will mean the MNA no longer needs to rely on Alberta's *Societies Act*;

AND WHEREAS in September 2023, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution came into force, which established the Otipemisiwak Métis Government as the successor to the MNA, and includes the recognition that for the purposes of good governance and the effective representation of Métis Nation within Alberta Citizens, the Territories of the Métis Nation within Alberta would be subdivided into Districts and that each District would have a District Council which will be a governance structure of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and have its own legal status and capacity under the treaty and implementation legislation;

AND WHEREAS also in September 2023, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's *District Councils Act* (the “**District Councils Act**”) came into force, section 10 of which provides that:

To establish a District Council:

- (a) the Citizens of the District must elect a District Captain;
- (b) the District Captain must adopt Bylaws in accordance with section 12 of this Act; and
- (c) the Citizens' Council must approve the District Council Bylaws by resolution, whose approval must not be withheld unless the Bylaws do not conform to the Constitution or Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law;

AND WHEREAS on November 20, 2023, the Otipemisiwak Metis Government Citizens' Council directed that self-government staff 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;

AND WHEREAS further to that engagement, the proposed District Council Bylaws for the Incorporating District Councils (attached hereto as Annex “A”) have been approved-in-principle by the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government;



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AND WHEREAS as a transitional step while the federal government and the MNA continue negotiations to reach the treaty, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and its District Councils will continue to rely on incorporated bodies under Alberta's *Societies Act* to provide them with legal status and capacity and to implement and give effect to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution;

AND WHEREAS to facilitate the effective and efficient incorporation of the District Councils under Alberta's *Societies Act* and ensure that it is done in a manner that aligns with the Métis Nation within Alberta's overall self-government implementation and transition work, the MNA wishes to work together with the District Captains (and other incorporators for each District Council) throughout the incorporation process, including by having a joint retainer for legal counsel with respect to the incorporation process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Bylaws

- 1) The following District Council Bylaws (attached hereto as Annex "A") are approved in accordance with section 10 of the *District Councils Act*.
 - a. the Bylaws of the District Council of Athabasca Landing Métis District;
 - b. the Bylaws of the District Council of Calgary Elbow Métis District;
 - c. the Bylaws of the District Council of Rocky View Métis District;
 - d. the Bylaws of the District Council of St. Paul-Cold Lake Métis District; and
 - e. the Bylaws of the District Council of Wabasca-Demarais Métis District.

General

- 2) The President and Senior Executive Officer of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government are authorized and empowered to enter into limited-scope joint retainer agreements with the District Captains and other incorporators for each District Council, for the purposes of having joint legal representation with respect to the incorporation of each of the Incorporating District Councils.
- 3) The President and Senior Executive Officer of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government are authorized and empowered to take all such further action and to execute and deliver all such further agreements, certificates, instruments, and documents, in the name and on behalf of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and the Métis Nation of Alberta Association, to carry out the transactions contemplated by the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions.



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Seconded by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #8 – Representative(s) Business

a.) Legislative Proposal – 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens

11:18AM The Chair directed Rep. Aura Leddy to present onto the floor the legislative proposal regarding legislation for the protection and inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION #20240529-8:

Moved by: Sec. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the attached Legislative Proposal initiated by Representative Aura Leddy regarding legislation for the protection and inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens be referred to the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee for review.

Seconded by: Rep. Nancy Cardinal

Debate from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) OMG Support for Extending the Federal Voting Age to 16

11:39AM The Chair directed President Andrea Sandmaier to read onto the floor the request for Otipemisiwak Métis Government support for extending the federal voting Age to 16.

MOTION #20240529-9:

Moved by: Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta support the "Joint Statement in Support of Extending Federal Voting Rights to 16-Year-Olds" by directing the President to execute the statement.

Seconded by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg

No debate.



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Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) RLI Funding Applications Exceed Capacity

11:43AM The Chair read onto the floor for information the RLI funding applications exceed capacity.

MOTION #20240529-10:

Moved by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Briefing Note on RLI funding applications exceeding capacity be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Joe Tremblay

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

d.) Additional item: OMG support to provide gifts for the 8 athletes to bring with them to Toronto when they play New Zealand at the Volleyball sporting event.

11:47AM The Chair directed President Sec. Shannon Dunfield to present onto the floor the request for OMG support for to provide gift bags to New Zealand volleyball team.

e.) Adjustment of meeting format to 3-day meetings, with Cabinet being one day, Committee meetings being one day, and the Citizens' Council meeting one day.

11:52AM **MOTION #20240529-11:**

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the structure of the meetings be formatted as Cabinet, Committee, and Citizens' Council each having their own respective day.

Seconded by: Sec. Karen Collins

Debate from the floor.

Action Item #3: Administration to update meeting format to one full day Cabinet Meeting, one full day Citizens' Council Meeting, and Committee Meetings to occur as needed virtually.

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:56AM The Chair declared Council to be in recess.

1:07PM The Chair recalled Council to order.



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Agenda Item #9 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) *Environment & Climate Change*

i. *District Emergency Management Support Discussion*

1:07PM The Chair directed the Director of Environment and Climate Change, Andres Filella to lead the District Emergency Management Support discussion.

Action Item #4: Director of Environment and Climate Change, Andres Filella to provide a written report on the Emergency Management Support Program and distribute to Council members.

b.) *Self-Government Department*

i. *BN: Self-Government & Transition Status*

1:14PM The Chair / Senior Director of Self-Government read onto the floor the Self-Government & Transition Status Report.

MOTION #20240529-12:

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Transition Report of May 23, 2024, be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Catherine Schnell

Debate from the floor.

Action Item #5: High Prairie to be added as a location for future Transition Meetings.

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:01PM The Chair declared Council to be in recess.

2:20PM The Chair recalled Council to order.

2:21PM The Chair directed Sec. Brooke Bramfield to the floor to discuss the Letter from the McMurray Metis Board Chair, Angela Adams re: Métis Self-Government Transition and Implementation.

Action Item #6: McMurray Metis Letter to be added to the upcoming Citizens' Council meeting to be revisited.



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ii. BN: Approved Terms of Reference: Emergency Management Committee

2:30PM The Chair read onto the floor the Acceptance of Approved Terms of Reference: Emergency Management Committee.

MOTION #20240529-13:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the approved Terms of Reference the Emergency Management Committee be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

iii. BN: Delegation of Authority: Emergency Management Committee

2:31PM The Chair read onto the floor the request to delegate authority to the Emergency Management Committee.

MOTION #20240529-14:

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the authority to approve District applications for funding through the proposed Otipemisiwak Métis Government Natural and Climate Disaster Emergency Support Program be delegated to the Emergency Management Committee for the duration of the program.

Seconded by: Sec. Kaila Mitchell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

iv. BN: Approved Terms of Reference: Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee

2:32PM The Chair read onto the floor the Acceptance of Approved Terms of Reference Emergency Management Committee.

MOTION #20240529-15:

Moved by: Sec. Joe Chodzicki

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the approved Terms of Reference the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Sec. Jason Chernow



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No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) Registrar's Quarterly Update

i. BN: Registrar Quarterly Update, May 2024

2:33PM The Chair directed the Registrar, Director of Registry Shawn McKay to read onto the floor the Registrar's quarterly update.

Questions from the floor.

MOTION #20240529-16:

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the May 2024 Registrar's Quarterly Update be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Annual Reports on Operations

a.) Auditor General

2:49PM The Chair read onto the floor the report on the operations of the Auditor General for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year.

MOTION #20240529-17:

Moved by: Rep. Nancy Cardinal

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the report on the operations of the Auditor General for the 2023-2024 fiscal year be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Aura Leddy

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Judicial Tribunal



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2:50PM The Chair read onto the floor the report on the operations of the Judicial Branch for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year.

MOTION #20240529-18:

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the report on the operations of the Judicial Branch for the 2023-2024 fiscal year be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Joe Tremblay

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) Ombudsman

2:51PM The Chair read onto the floor the report on the operations of the Ombudsman for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year.

MOTION #20240529-19:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the report on the operations of the Ombudsman for the 2023-2024 fiscal year be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Nancy Cardinal

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – Legislative Proposal

a.) Proposed Amendments to the District Boundaries Act.

2:52PM The Chair directed the Secretary of Records, Shannon Dunfield to present onto the floor the proposed amendments to the District Boundaries Act.

MOTION #20240529-20:

Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed amendments to the District Boundaries Act, as outlined below, be given first reading:



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1. Section 9 of the District Boundaries Act be amended to specify the appointment of six (6) members to the District Boundaries Commission, including a chairperson and five (5) other members, with each member representing one of the five territories.
2. Section 16 of the District Boundaries Act be amended to clarify the voting rights, specifying that the chairperson does not vote on each decision of the Commission except to break a tie.

Seconded by: Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:54PM The Chair declared Council to be in recess.

3:14PM The Chair recalled Council to order.

Agenda Item #12 – Citizens' Gathering

3:14PM The Chair directed Regulatory Affairs Officer, Carmen Hatfield to read onto the floor updates and recommendations regarding the upcoming 2024 Citizens' Gathering.

MOTION #20240529-21:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Citizens' Council deliberates and makes recommendations on the following matters concerning the 2024 OMG Citizens' Gathering.

Seconded by: Sec. Rebecca Lavallee

Debate from the floor.

Action Item #7: create nomination process and criteria for selection of recipients for next meeting – June 12, 2024.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #13 – Key Messages

4:05PM The Chair directed the Press Secretary and the Communications Supervisor to present the communication plan for the decisions of Council onto the floor.



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Action Item #8: Communication Guide – Administration to connect with Affiliates and ensure that they are including Representatives in events.

Action Item #9: Administration to connect with Directors and ensure that they are considering the Elected Officials meeting schedules when booking other events.

Agenda Item #14 – Presidents Closing Remarks

4:24PM President Andrea Sandmaier to read onto the floor the President's Closing Remarks.

Agenda Item #15 – Closing Prayer

4:26PM Sec. Karen Collins delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment

4:33PM 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 TO ADJOURN:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow

The Chair declared that the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until further notice.

Tracked Motions

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