



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:	July 10, 2024 - 10:00AM		
LOCATION:	Métis Crossing Gathering Centre 17339 Victoria Trail Smokey Lake, AB, T0A 3C0		
ROOM:	Gathering Centre		
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	8:30AM	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 – June 12, 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 – June 12, 2024 b.) Agenda Request(s) **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	10:30AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. BN: Self-Government Update **Motion Required** ii. BN: The Annual Citizens' Gathering 2024 Update **Motion Required** iii. BN: The Annual Citizens' Gathering 2025 Proposed Dates **Motion Required** iv. BN: Confirmation of the Adoption of the Rules of Procedure **Motion Required** v. BN: Transition Status Update **Motion Required**	OMG DIRECTOR(S)

8	11:00AM	<p style="text-align: center;">IN-CAMERA ITEM:</p> a.) District Council Bylaws b.) Legal Counsel Update **Motion Required**	LEGAL COUNSEL
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
9	1:00PM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) CONT. a.) Communications Department i. BN: The Annual Citizens' Gathering 2024 Livestream **Motion Required**	COMMUNICATIONS
10	1:15PM	REPRESENTATIVE(S) BUSINESS a.) BN: Congratulatory Letters **Motion Required**	PRESIDENT
11	2:15PM	LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY a.) BN: Update on Bill 2024-01 Citizen Consultation **Motion Required** b.) BN: Second Reading for Bill 2024-01, An Act to Amend the District Boundaries Act **Motion Required**	SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	2:45PM	BREAK	
12	3:00PM	DISTRICT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION a.) BN: District Boundaries Commission Nomination and Appointment Process **Motion Required**	SELF-GOVERNMENT
13	4:00PM	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.) Administrative assistance will be on site from 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.



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Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

10:04AM The Chair called the July 10, 2024, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

10:04AM Sec. Karen Collins delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

10:08AM **MOTION #20240710-1:**
Moved by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe
That the agenda for the July 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Rep. Joseph Tremblay

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

a.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, May 29, 2024

10:09AM **MOTION #20240710-2:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield
The Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting June 12, 2024, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Rep. Catherine Schnell

Debate from the floor

Change meeting minutes wording for agenda item 8c.) to "The Acting Chair directed Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook to present onto the floor a request regarding the creation of a process for Cultural Program Funding."

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

10:12AM President Andrea Sandmaier to read onto the floor the President's Welcoming Address.

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

- a.) *Update on actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – May 29, 2024*
- b.) *Agenda Request(s)*

10:22AM The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's report.

MOTION #20240710-3:

Moved by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo

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

Seconded by: Rep. Barry Dibb

No debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #7 – OMG Administration Report(s)

- a.) *Self-Government Update*

10:27AM The Chair read onto the floor the OMG Administration Report, Self-Government Update.

10:29AM **MOTION #20240710-4**

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the July 10, 2024, Self-Government update be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Darryl Campbell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

- b.) *Citizens' Gathering 2024 Update*

10:27AM The Chair directed the Regulatory Affairs Officer, Carmen Hatfield to read onto the floor the 2024 Annual Citizens' Gathering update.



10:29AM **MOTION #20240710-5**
Moved by: Rep. Darryl Campbell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the 2024 Annual Citizens' Gathering update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Sec. Karen Collins

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #1: Administration to provide Citizens' Council a list of campsite options for the Citizens' Gathering

c.) Citizens' Gathering 2025 Proposed Dates

10:46AM **MOTION #20240710-6**
Moved by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering proposed dates be accepted as August 21-24, 2025.
Seconded by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg

Debate from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

d.) Confirmation of the Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

10:54AM **MOTION #20240710-7**
Moved by: Sec. Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the adoption of the *Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizens' Gathering* by virtual resolution on June 28, 2024, is hereby confirmed.
Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

e.) Transition Status update

10:56AM The Chair directed Nicole Shepherd to read onto the floor the Transition update.

10:56AM **MOTION #20240710-8**
Moved by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe



Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Transition Report of July 10, 2024, be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #8 – In-Camera Item(s)

11:05AM **MOTION #20240710-9:**
Moved by: Sec. Grant Lacombe
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Sec. Brooke Bramfield

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:05PM **MOTION) #20240710-10:**
Moved by: Sec. Brooke Bramfield
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:05PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20240710-11:**
Moved by: Sec. Rebecca Lavalee

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 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 ("**Local Councils**" and "**Regional Councils**", respectively) 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 District Councils (attached hereto as Annex "A") have been approved-in-principle by the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government;

AND WHEREAS as a transitional step while the federal government and the MNA continue negotiations to reach the treaty, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government will transition the Local Councils already existing under Alberta's Societies Act into District Councils to provide them with legal status and capacity and to implement and give effect to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution;

AND WHEREAS as previously communicated on May 13, 2024, and June 5, 2024, the



Otipemisiwak Métis Government has identified and made available to the Local Councils an independent legal counsel (the “**Independent Legal Counsel**”) who is available to provide legal support and advice to the Local Councils in regard to their rights and interests throughout this transition process;

AND WHEREAS once this resolution is approved, the Local Councils will work with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government’s Self-Government Department (and Independent Legal Counsel, where applicable) to coordinate and hold special meetings of their members to pass a special resolution to adopt these District Council Bylaws (the “**Special Meetings**”);

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 Edmonton Whitemud Métis District;
 - b. the Bylaws of the District Council of Fort Vermilion Métis District;
 - c. the Bylaws of the District Council of Lesser Slave Lake Métis District;
 - d. the Bylaws of the District Council of Medicine Hat Métis District; and
 - e. the Bylaws of the District Council of Red Deer Métis District.

Seconded by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:05PM The Chair declared Council to be in recess.

12:06PM Sec. Karen Collins delivered prayer and the blessing of the food.

2:00PM The Chair recalled Council to order.

Agenda Item #9 – OMG Administration Report(s) Cont.

a.) *BN: 2024 Annual Citizens' Gathering Update*

2:00PM The Chair directed Taylor Masters to read onto the floor information regarding a livestream at the 2024 Annual Citizens' Gathering.

2:23PM **MOTION #20240710-12:**



Moved by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the 2024 Annual Citizens' Gathering be live streamed.

Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

Debate.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Representative(s) Business

a.) BN: Congratulatory Letters

2:27PM

MOTION #20240710-13:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Ekeberg

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the briefing note on Letters of Congratulations to the newly elected Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief of Treaty 8 First Nations be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Rep. Joseph Tremblay

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – Legislative Activity

a.) BN: Update on Bill 2024-01 Citizen Consultation

2:29PM

The Chair directed Caspian Teymouri to present onto the floor the Legislative Activity regarding Bill 2024-1.

2:33PM

MOTION #20240710-14:

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the update on Bill 2024-1 Citizen Engagement be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



- b.) *BN: Second Reading for Bill 2024-01, An Act to Amend the District Boundaries Act*

2:36PM

MOTION #20240710-15:

Moved by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Bill 2024-1, *An Act to Amend the District Boundaries Act*, be read a second time and adopted in principle as amended.

Seconded by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:36PM

MOTION #20240710-16:

Moved by: Rep. Darryl Cambell

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Bill 2024-1, *An Act to Amend the District Boundaries Act*, be read for the third time and that it be enacted.

Seconded by: Rep. Nancy Cardinal

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:42PM

The Chair declared Council to be in recess.

3:05PM

The Chair recalled Council to order.

Agenda Item #12 – District Boundaries Commission

- a.) *BN: District Boundaries Commission Nomination and Appointment Process*

3:05PM

The Chair directed Sam Channell to read onto the floor the District Boundaries Commission Nomination and Appointment Process.

Questions from the floor



3:16PM

MOTION #20240710-17:

Moved by: Rep. Catherine Schnell

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the first District Boundaries Commission of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government is hereby established.

Seconded by: Rep. Barry Dibb

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

3:16PM

MOTION #20240710-18:

Moved by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed District Boundaries Commission nomination and appointment process be adopted and initiated as soon as practicable for the appointment of the members of the first District Boundaries Commission, with the exception of the Commission chairperson.

Seconded by: Rep. Aura Leddy

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

3:17PM

MOTION #20240710-19:

Moved by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Officers and Judicial Tribunal Members Nominations Committee be assigned the additional purpose of making nominations for District Boundaries Commission members with the participation of the Chief Electoral Officer, in their capacity as Chair of the Commission.

Seconded by: Rep. Sarah Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

3:20PM

MOTION #20240710-20:

Moved by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Officers and Judicial Tribunal Nomination Committee be renamed to the Nomination Committee.

Seconded by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #13 – Key Messages

3:21PM The Chair directed the Press Secretary and Communications Department to read onto the floor the key messages from the July 10, 2024, Citizens' Council Meeting.

Questions/debate from the floor.

3:41PM **MOTION #20240710-21:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Administration be directed to investigate and report back to Council options for the facilitation of in person and virtual attendance of Otipemisiwak Metis Government Citizens.
Seconded by: Sec. Lisa San Filippo

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #14 – Presidents Closing Remarks

3:47PM President Andrea Sandmaier to read onto the floor the President's Closing Remarks.

Agenda Item #15 – Closing Prayer

3:49PM Sec. Karen Collins delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment

3:55PM 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.

3:56PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**
Moved by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

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



Tracked Motions

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