



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:	November 7, 2024 - 10:00AM		
LOCATION:	Doubletree by Hilton 16615 – 109 Avenue Edmonton AB T5P 4K8		
ROOM:	SBCC7		
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	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 – October 17, 2024 **Motion Required**	CHAIR
5	10:10AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
6	10:15AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – October 17, 2024 b.) Agenda Request(s) **Motion Required** c.) Citizens' Gathering Report – Prioritize Proposals **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	10:45AM	UNFINISHED BUSINESS a.) BN: Options for Citizens' Attendance at Council Meetings **Motion Required** b.) BN: Métis Pride Flag as an Official Flag **Motion Required** c.) Discussion: TC Energy Indigenous Communities Partnership	CHAIR REP. AURA LEDDY REP. SAN FILIPPO
8	11:00AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. BN: Self-Government Update **Motion Required** ii. BN: Transition Update **Motion Required**	CHAIR SELF-GOVERNMENT

		b.) Intergovernmental Relations Department i. BN: Economic Reconciliation Strategy **Motion Required** ii. BN: Government of Alberta – Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Economic Stream **Motion Required**	IGR IGR
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
9	1:00PM	IN-CAMERA ITEMS(S) a.) District Council Bylaws i. Foothills Métis District **Motion Required** b.) Legal Updates	LEGAL COUNSEL
	2:30PM	BREAK	
10	2:45PM	REPRESENTATIVES BUSINESS a.) BN: Legislative Proposal RE: Comprehensive Review of Otipemisiwak Métis Government Laws and Regulations **Motion Required**	PRESIDENT
11	4:00PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ PUBLIC AFFAIRS
12	4:15PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
13	4:25PM	CLOSING PRAYER	
14	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.



MEETING MINUTES	
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Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

10:03AM The Chair called the November 7, 2024, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

10:03AM Sec. Karen Collins delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

Addition to agenda under Key Messages – Highlighting Métis Citizens Discussion

10:05AM **MOTION #20241107-1:**
Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the November 7, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

a.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, October 17, 2024

10:05AM **MOTION #20241107-2:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting October 17, 2024, be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Sec. Joseph Chodzicki

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

10:10AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

- a.) *Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – October 17, 2024*
- b.) *Agenda Request(s)*

10:15AM The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's report.

10:28AM **MOTION #20241107-3:**
Moved by: Rep. Darryl Campbell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chair's Report be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Rep. Aura Leddy

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

- c.) *Citizens' Gathering Report – Prioritize Proposals*

10:33AM **MOTION #20241107-4:**
Moved by: Sec. Kaila Mitchell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Citizens' Proposals numbered 1, 5, 6, 9, and 10 be formally referred to the Senior Executive Officer (SEO), who is directed to collaborate with the appropriate departments to assess and determine feasible actions and/or responses for each proposal; and report back to Council with preliminary findings no later than January 31, 2025.
Seconded by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

10:39AM **MOTION #20241107-5:**
Moved by: Sec. Kaila Mitchell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that "Citizens' Proposals" be established as a standing agenda item at all Council meetings until July 31, 2025, or until



each proposal has been duly considered and responded to, whichever comes first; and that the proposals be considered in the following order of priority: 2, 4, 12, 7, 3, 8 and 14.

Seconded by: Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook

Debate from the floor.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #7 – Unfinished Business

a.) BN: Options for Citizens' Attendance at Council Meetings

10:47AM

MOTION #20241107-6:

Moved by: Sec. Brooke Bramfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that this item be tabled to the next meeting of Citizens' Council, pending receipt of the information requested.

Seconded by: Sec. Karen Collins

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus to table to December 18, 2024, Citizens' Council Meeting

Action Item #1: Administration is directed to review the Constitution and Self-Government Act to determine the requirements for citizens' attendance and to provide a legislative opinion with respect to any implications or concerns related to Council proceedings being made public.

b.) BN: Métis Pride Flag as an Official Flag

11:31AM

MOTION #20241107-7:

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Métis Nation of Alberta flag or its Métis Nation within Alberta/Otipemisiwak Métis Government replacement, the blue Métis flag and the red Métis flag, be adopted as official flags of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, to be displayed at all Citizens' Gatherings, Citizens' Council meetings, and any Otipemisiwak Métis Government events where flags are displayed. And, to have the Métis Pride flag recognized as a



celebratory flag, flown alongside the three official flags. And Administration is directed to develop an Otipemisiwak Métis Government Official Marks Act for presentation and review by the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee in accordance with the established processes of the Committee.

Seconded by: Sec. Rebecca Lavallee

Question of Order: Secretary Joesph Chodzicki requested additional information be provided to Council, by Administration, in the form of evidence and a summary the historical records of adoption and use of flags utilized by the Métis Nation, as well as the Pride flag.

Chair Ruling: The Chair accepts the question of order, Administration is directed to provide the information requested by the Council member.

11:49AM **Question of Order:** Secretary Jason Chernow attempted to call for question on the motion.

Chair Ruling: *The call for question is out of order, an active request for additional information by a member of Council must first be resolved. No vote was called, the Motion remains live pending resolution of the information request.*

Result: Tabled to December 18, 2024, Citizens' Council Meeting per the ruling of the Chair in respect to a question of order for Motion #20241107-7.

Action Item #2: *Administration is directed to gather information on the history of the red and blue Métis flags, the Métis Nation of Alberta flag and associated insignia, including the adoption of only the blue flag by the Métis National Council, as well as information in respect to the history of pride flags and insignia.*

11:50AM The Chair declared proceedings of Council to stand in recess.

11:50AM Sec. Karen Collins delivered a prayer and the blessing of the meal.

1:16PM The Chair recalled proceedings of Council to order.

c.) Discussion: TC Energy Indigenous Communities Partnership

1:16PM The Chair invited Rep. Lisa San Filippo to speak to open discussion from the floor on the topic of the TC Energy Indigenous Communities Partnership.



1:34PM

MOTION #20241107-8:

Moved by: Sec. Karen Collins

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Administration is directed to revisit the relationship agreement with TC Energy with a view to renegotiating it.

Seconded by: Sec. Grant Lacombe

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

By direction of the Chair and upon consent, the order of proceedings was amended to deal with Agenda Item #9 in priority, on the basis of availability of legal counsel.

Agenda Item #9 In-Camera Item(s)

1:35PM

MOTION #20241107-9:

Moved by: Rep. Aura Leddy

The Citizens' Council enter in-camera session to receive advice from legal counsel.

Seconded by: Sec. Joseph Chodzicki

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:13PM

MOTION #20241107-11:

Moved by: Sec. Kaila Mitchell

The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.

Seconded by: Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:13PM

RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20241107-10:

Moved by: Sec. Jason Chernow

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 require 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 Albert 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 Métis 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 the proposed District Council Bylaws for the Foothills Métis District have been reviewed and conform to the *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution* and Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law;



AND WHEREAS the proposed District Council Bylaws for the St. Albert Métis District have been approved in principle by the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Subject to technical and legal edits as may be required, the Bylaws of the District Council of Foothills Métis District (attached as Annex A to this resolution) are approved in principle.
- 2) The Bylaws of the District Council of St. Albert Métis District (attached as Annex B to this resolution) are approved in accordance with section 10 of the *District Councils Act*.

Seconded by: Sec. Lisa Wolfe

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:43PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to stand in recess.

3:00PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council to order.

Agenda Item #8 – OMG Administration Report(s)

- a.) *Self-Government Department*
 - i. *BN: Self-Government Update*

3:01PM The Senior Director of Self-Government presented onto the floor the Self-Government Department Update.

3:01PM **MOTION #20241107-12:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the November 7, 2024, Self-Government Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Rep. Aura Leddy

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



ii. *BN: Transition Update*

3:05PM The Chair invited Transition Administrative Assistant, Shelly Gervais to present onto the floor the Transition Update.

3:13PM **MOTION #20241107-13:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the November 7, 2024, Transition Report be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) *Intergovernmental Relations Department*
i. *BN: Economic Reconciliation Strategy*

3:15PM **MOTION #20241107-14:**
Moved by: Sec. Joseph Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the update on the Economic Reconciliation Strategy Development be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Rep. Aura Leddy

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

ii. *BN: Government of Alberta – Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Economic Stream*

3:23PM **MOTION #20241107-15:**
Moved by: Sec. Kaila Mitchell
Be it resolved that Citizens' Council supports the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's application to the Government of Alberta, made through its administrative entity, corporately known as the Métis Nation of Alberta Association, with such application being made to the Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Economic Stream in support of the Intergovernmental Relations Department Economic Reconciliation Strategy project, and further directs the President of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and Director of Intergovernmental Relations to take all steps necessary to advance this application and project.
Seconded by: Sec. Bobbi Paul-Alook



No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Representatives Business

a.) BN: Legislative Proposal re: Comprehensive Review of Otipemisiwak Métis Government Laws and Regulations

3:24PM The Chair invited President Sandmaier to present onto the floor a Legislative Proposal.

3:24PM **MOTION #20241107-16:**
Moved by: Sec. Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council, that the delegated authorities of the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee are hereby expanded to include developing a Comprehensive Legislative Review and Engagement Plan as described in the Legislative Proposal submitted by the President, and that the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee Terms of Reference be amended accordingly.
Seconded by: Rep. Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – Key Messages

a.) Citizen Highlights

3:38PM The Chair invited Secretary Dunfield to present onto the floor Citizen Highlights.

3:45PM The Chair invited Press Secretary, Kenny Trenton and Manager of Communications, Olivia Bako to present onto the floor the key messages from the November 7, 2024, meeting of the Citizens' Council.



Agenda Item #12 - Presidents Closing Remarks

3:49PM President Andrea Sandmaier to read onto the floor the President's Closing remarks.

Agenda Item #13 – Closing Prayer

3:55PM Sec. Karen Collins delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #14 – Adjournment

3:58PM 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.

3:58PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

The Chair declared the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting for which notice has been provided, to be held on December 18, 2024.

Tracked Motions

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