



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA

DATE:	January 29, 2025 - 10:00AM		
LOCATION:	Sandman Signature Edmonton Downtown 10235 – 101 Street, Edmonton AB T5J 3E9		
ROOM:	Angus Shaw Ballroom		
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 – November 7, 2024 (Amended) b.) Citizens' Council Meeting – December 18, 2024 **Motion Required**	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
5	10:10AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
6	10:15AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – November 7, 2024 and December 18, 2024 b.) Agenda Request(s) c.) Elected Official(s) Resignations **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	10:45AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. BN: Self-Government Update **Motion Required** ii. BN: Transition Update **Motion Required** b.) Registrar's Quarterly Update **Motion Required**	CHAIR TRANSITION MANAGER REGISTRAR
8	11:00AM	CITIZENS' COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT - Part 1	CHAIR/ SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
9	1:00PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) District Council Bylaws b.) Legal Update(s)	LEGAL COUNSEL

		c.) BN: Sixties Scoop Action Communication Plan	
10	2:00PM	<p style="text-align: center;">REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS</p> a.) Information on Proposed Changes to the Registry of Laws – Verbal Report b.) Fort Vermilion Public Schools Donation Request	SEC. SHANNON DUNFIELD SEC. BOBBI PAUL-ALOOK
11	2:20PM	<p style="text-align: center;">LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS</p> a.) BN's: Bill 2024-02 An Act to Amend the <i>Elections and Referenda Act</i> **Motion Required**	SEC. SHANNON DUNFIELD
-	2:45PM	BREAK	
12	3:00PM	<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICER'S REPORTS</p> a.) Chief Electoral Officer i. District Council Elections 2024 Report ii. By-Election Discussion	CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER DEL GRAFF
13	3:30PM	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE BUSINESS</p> a.) BN: Fill Vacancies: Emergency Management Committee & Nomination Committee	PRESIDENT
14	4:00PM	<p style="text-align: center;">CITIZENS' PROPOSALS</p> a.) BN: Proposal #2 – Create Provincial Secretary of Two Spirit, 2SLGBTQ+ **Motion Required** b.) BN: Proposal #4 – Hold Formal Meeting with Fort Chipewyan Métis Nation within 60 days **Motion Required** c.) BN: Proposal #12 – Strengthen Communication between Citizen Reps, the OMG, District offices and Citizens **Motion Required**	CHAIR
15	4:30PM	<p style="text-align: center;">KEY MESSAGES</p> a) Citizen Spotlight	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
16	4:35PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	
17	4:45PM	CLOSING PRAYER	
18	4:45PM	<p style="text-align: center;">ADJOURNMENT</p> **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 Acting Chair, Tyler Fetch called the January 29, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

10:03AM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

10:05AM **MOTION #20250129-1:**
Moved by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the January 29, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Joseph Tremblay

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

- a.) *Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, November 7, 2024 (Amended)*
- b.) *Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, December 18, 2024*

10:35AM Following debate, Secretary Dunfield recommended that Approval of Minutes for both the November 7, 2024 (Amended) and December 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Citizens' Council be tabled to the February 2025 meeting, pending direction to the Clerk of the Citizens' Council to provide the full meeting notes for both meetings.

Secretary Chernow noted his request to include that Question was called on Motion #20241107-07 was not included in the November 7, 2024, amended minutes.

Chair, Garrett Tomlinson suggested that the Clerk make live edits to meeting minutes when required at future meetings of the Citizens' Council.



Action Item #1: Clerk of the Citizens' Council is directed to provide full notes from both November 7, 2024, and December 18, 2024, meetings to Secretary Dunfield and Chair Tomlinson.

Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

10:40AM 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 – November 7, 2024, and December 18, 2024*
- b.) *Agenda Request(s)*

10:45AM The Acting Chair read onto the floor the Chair's report.

Action Item #2: Chair's Report to be amended to reflect agenda request submitted by Secretary Brooke Bramfield on December 20, 2024, including the reason for the request.

Action Item #3: Administration is directed to work with the Office of the President to identify meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year (July – December).

c.) *Elected Official(s) Resignations*

10:51AM The Acting Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor information regarding the Elected Official(s) Resignations.

11:00AM **MOTION #20250129-2:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chair's Report be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #7 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) *Self-Government Department*

i. *BN: Self-Government Update*

11:01AM The Acting Chair invited Caspian Teymouri, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Self-Government Department Update.

11:08AM **MOTION #20250129-3:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the January 29, 2025, Self-Government Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

ii. *BN: Transition Update*

11:10AM The Acting Chair invited Shelly Gervais, Self-Government Coordinator, to present onto the floor the Transition Update.

11:20AM **MOTION #20250129-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the January 29, 2025, Transition Report be accepted for information as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment: To reflect that the Fort Vermillion Bylaws have changed and are required to be returned to Citizens' Council for approval.

Action Item #4: Administration is directed to provide Secretary Collins with a copy of the filed Bylaws for the St. Paul/Cold Lake Métis District.



b.) Registrar's Quarterly Update

11:25AM The Acting Chair invited Shawn McKay, Director of Citizenship and Registry, to read onto the floor the Registrar's quarterly update.

12:04PM **MOTION #20250129-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the January 21, 2025, Registrar's Quarterly Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #5: *The Director of Citizenship and Registry is directed to provide Citizens' Council with the number of citizenship applications based on District breakdown.*

12:05PM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

By direction of the Acting Chair and upon consent, the order of proceedings was amended to deal with Agenda Item #8 following the In-Camera Item(s) based on availability of Legal Counsel.

12:05PM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered a blessing of the meal.

1:00PM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #9 – In-Camera Item(s)

1:01PM **MOTION #20250129-6:**
Moved by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Chernow

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:10PM **MOTION #20250129-7:**
Moved by: Representative Sarah Wolfe



The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.

Seconded by: Representative Aura Leddy

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:17PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20250129-8:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield

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 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 Fort McMurray Métis District (attached hereto as Annex "A") have been reviewed and conform to the *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution* and Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law;

AND WHEREAS further to that engagement, the proposed District Council Bylaws for the Fort Edmonton Métis District, Jasper House Métis District, and Lac La Biche Métis District (attached hereto as Annex "B") were approved-in-principle by the Citizens' Council on December 18, 2024;

AND WHEREAS as a transitional step while the federal government and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government 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 further to that engagement, the proposed District Council Bylaws for the Fort Edmonton Métis District, Jasper House Métis District, and Lac La Biche Métis District will incorporate new bodies under Alberta's *Societies Act* to serve as the District Councils of those Districts;

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 Otipemisiwak Métis Government wishes to work together with the District Captains (and other incorporators for each District Council) of the Incorporating District Councils throughout the incorporation process, including by having a joint retainer for legal counsel with respect to the incorporation process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Approval-in-Principle of Bylaws

- 1) Subject to technical and legal edits as may be required, the District Council Bylaws for the Fort McMurray Métis District are approved in principle.

Approval of Bylaws



- 2) The District Council Bylaws for the Fort Edmonton, Jasper House, and Lac La Biche Métis Districts are approved in accordance with section 10 of the *District Councils Act*.

General

- 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.

Seconded by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment to the Resolution:

- Remove the word 'final' from the resolution in the heading on page 1 and from the subheading on page 2.

By direction of the Acting Chair and upon consent, the order of proceedings was further amended to deal with Agenda Item #10b), then Agenda Item #8b) following the In-Camera Item(s) to allow Secretary Paul-Alook to address her item prior to a need for early departure.

Agenda Item #10 – Representatives Business

b.) BN: Fort Vermilion Public Schools Donation Request

2:30PM The Acting Chair invited Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook to present onto the floor information regarding Fort Vermilion Public Schools Donation Request.

2:41PM **MOTION #20250129-9:**
Moved by: Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the donation request from St. Mary's Catholic School/Fort Vermilion Public School Cultural Cabin be referred to Administration to review whether a monetary donation can be made by the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and bring back a response to the next Citizens' Council meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025.



Seconded by: Secretary Tai Amy Grauman

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:41PM Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook was excused from the Citizens' Council meeting.

a.) BN: Information on Proposed Changes to the Registry of Laws – Verbal Report

2:42PM The Acting Chair invited Secretary Shannon Dunfield to present onto the floor information regarding the proposed changes to the Registry of Laws.

2:45PM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of the Council to be in recess.

3:10PM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council to order.

Agenda Item #8 – Citizens' Council Rules of Procedure Development – Part 1

3:12PM The Acting Chair invited Caspian Teymouri, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor information on the Citizens' Council Rules of Procedure.

Questions from the floor

Action Item #6: Administration is directed to create a survey for the Council to provide input on specific sections of the Rules of Procedure document to be reviewed during the Citizens' Council retreat in March 2025.

Result: Tabled to February 12, 2025, Citizens' Council meeting.

Agenda Item #11 – Legislative Business

a.) BN's: Bill 2024-02 An Act to Amend the Elections and Referenda Act

3:20PM The Acting Chair invited Sam Channell, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the SEO Compliance Report and Citizen Consultation Report related to Bill 2024-02.



3:28PM The Acting Chair invited Secretary Shannon Dunfield to present onto the floor the second and third readings of Bill 2024-02, An Act to Amend the *Elections and Referenda Act*.

3:29PM **MOTION #20250129-10:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Bill 2024-02 Citizen Consultation Report and SEO Compliance Report be accepted for information as presented, and that Bill 2024-02, An Act to Amend the *Elections and Referenda Act*, be read a second time.
Seconded by: Representative Aura Leddy

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

3:33PM **MOTION #20250129-11:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Bill 2024-02, An Act to Amend the *Elections and Referenda Act*, be read a third time and that it be enacted.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #13 – Committee Business

a.) BN: Fill Vacancies: Emergency Management Committee & Nomination Committee

3:35PM The Acting Chair invited President Sandmaier to present onto the floor information regarding appointments to the Emergency Management Committee and Nominations Committee.

3:36PM **MOTION #20250129-12:**
Moved by: Secretary Jason Chernow
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Secretary Grant Lacombe, Citizens' Representative for Lesser Slave Lake Métis District 21, be appointed to the Emergency Management Committee and the Nominations Committee as the



Representative for the Lesser Slave Lake Territory of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

Seconded by: Representative Joseph Tremblay

No Debate

Result: Carried by consensus.

Agenda Item #12 – Officer's Reports

a.) Chief Electoral Officer

- i. District Council Elections 2024 Report*
- ii. By-Election Discussion*

3:38PM The Acting Chair invited Del Graff, Chief Electoral Officer, to present onto the floor the District Election Report and By-Elections update.

4:28PM **MOTION #20250129-13:**
Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chief Electoral Officer's Report be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Aura Leddy

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by consensus.

4:28PM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of the Council to be in recess.

4:39PM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council to order.

4:40PM **MOTION #20250129-14:**
Moved by: Secretary Jason Chernow
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Registrar is directed to develop and implement a proactive communications strategy, that must include direct contact from Registry staff to Citizens, that aims to ensure that all registered Citizens residing within the Rocky View Métis District 4 and Wabasca-Demarais Métis District 22 are notified of the impending by-elections, and encouraged to update their physical address information with Registry prior to the final voters



lists being released; and upon completion, to extend this strategy to all remaining Districts of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government on an ongoing basis.

Seconded by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #14 – Citizens' Proposals

- a.) *Proposal #2 – Create Provincial Secretary of Two Spirit, 2SLGBTQ+*
- b.) *Proposal #4 – Hold Formal Meeting with Fort Chipewyan Métis Nation within 60 days*
- c.) *Proposal #12 – Strengthen Communication between Citizen Reps, the OMG, District Offices and Citizens*

MOTION #20250129-15:

Moved by: Secretary Tai Amy Grauman

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that agenda item #14 is tabled to the February 12, 2025, meeting of the Citizens' Council due to time constraints.

Seconded by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Result: Tabled to the February 12, 2025, Citizens' Council Meeting per Motion **20250129-15**

Action Item #7: *Administration is directed to include Agenda Item #14 earlier in the agenda for the February meeting and attempt to ensure the February 11, 2025, Cabinet meeting can end by noon with Council to begin on February 11, 2025, for a half day, to continue on February 12, 2025.*

Agenda Item #15 – Key Messages

5:09PM The Acting Chair invited Nicole Sparrow, Director of Strategic Governance to discuss key messages from January 29, 2025, Citizens' Council meeting which will be to highlight the passing of Bill 2024-02.



Agenda Item #16 - Presidents Closing Remarks

5:10PM The Acting Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #13 – Closing Prayer

5:12PM Secretary Shannon Dunfield delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #14 – Adjournment

5:13PM There being no further business of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government properly tabled on the agenda; the Acting Chair called for a motion to adjourn Council.

5:14PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**
Moved by: Sec. Shannon Dunfield

The Acting Chair declared the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting.

Tracked Motions

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