



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:		February 12, 2025 - 9:00AM	
LOCATION:		Edmonton Expo Centre 7515 – 118 Avenue NW, Edmonton AB T5B 0J2	
ROOM:		RM 301 & 302	
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	8:30AM	ONSITE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	ADMINISTRATION
1	9:00AM	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	9:00AM	OPENING PRAYER	NORMA SPICER
3	9:05AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA **Motion Required**	CHAIR
4	9:05AM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES a.) Citizens' Council Meeting – November 7, 2024 (Amended) b.) Citizens' Council Meeting – December 18, 2024 c.) Citizens' Council Meeting - January 29, 2025 **Motion Required**	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
5	9:15AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
6	9:20AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – January 29, 2025 b.) Agenda Request(s) **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	9:45AM	UNFINISHED BUSINESS a.) BN: Alberta School Boards' Indigenous Students Budget **Motion Required**	SECRETARY WOLFE
8	10:00AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Environment and Climate Change Department i. BN: Species at Risk Engagements and Knowledge Holders Gathering Spring 2025 **Motion Required** b.) Self-Government Department i. BN: District Council Onboarding Update **Motion Required** ii. BN: Elders and Knowledge Keepers Workshop Update **Motion Required**	SECRETARY CHERNOW/ ENVIRONMENT SELF-GOVERNMENT

		iii. Citizens' Council Rules of Procedure Development Update **Motion Required** iv. BN: Request for Privacy Policy or Legislation **Motion Required**	
-	10:30AM	BREAK	
9	10:45AM	CITIZENS' PROPOSALS a.) BN: Proposal #2 – Create Provincial Secretary of Two Spirit, 2SLGBTQ+ (<i>Unfinished Business</i>) **Motion Required** b.) BN: Proposal #4 – Hold Formal Meeting with Fort Chipewyan Métis Nation within 60 days (<i>Unfinished Business</i>) **Motion Required** c.) BN: Proposal #12 – Strengthen Communication between Citizen Reps, the OMG, District offices and Citizens (<i>Unfinished Business</i>) **Motion Required** d.) BN: Proposal #7 – Consider having District Councils and Captains present reports on best practices of District Councils **Motion Required**	PRESIDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT SELF-GOVERNMENT SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
10	1:00PM	REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS a.) Update on Fort Vermilion Public Schools Donation Request (<i>Unfinished Business</i>) **Motion Required**	PRESIDENT
11	1:10PM	IN-CAMERA SESSION a.) Métis National Council Expert Panel Report b.) Media Developments c.) Council & Staff Engagement	PRESIDENT
-	2:30PM	BREAK	
12	3:30PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
13	4:00PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
14	4:15PM	CLOSING PRAYER	NORMA SPICER
15	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

9:02AM The Chair called the February 12, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:03AM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

9:05AM **MOTION #20250212-1:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the February 12, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Joseph Tremblay

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment: Change to deal with the Agenda Items in the following order: #1–6, #9–11, #7–8, #12–15.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

a.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, November 7, 2024 (Amended)

9:10AM **MOTION #20250212-2:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting November 7, 2024, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate



Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, December 18, 2024

9:14AM **MOTION #20250212-3:**

Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting December 18, 2024, be approved as amended.

Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment(s):

- Page 9, remove ss. 59(1) Question of Order | Sec. Brooke Bramfield
- Page 9, change five to four Questions of Order
- Page 11, remove the entirety of 4) Request for additional information by Sec. Brooke Bramfield

Action Item #1: Clerk of the Council to Amend December 18, 2024, Minutes.

c.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, January 29, 2025

9:18AM **MOTION #20250212-4:**

Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting January 29, 2025, be approved as amended.

Seconded by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment(s):

- Page 1, item #1: insert 'Tyler Fetch' following, Acting Chair
- Page 8, top of page: change 'Representative' to 'Secretary' Tai Grauman
- Page 11, item #15: remove 'Associate' from Nicole Sparrow's title
- Page 12, under Motion to Adjourn, last sentence, remove the extra dots

Action Item #2: Clerk of the Council to Amend January 29, 2025, Minutes.



Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

- 9:18AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.
- 9:26AM **MOTION #20250212-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the President's Welcome Address be accepted for information.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Chernow
- Question to Report*
- Result:** Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

- a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – January 29, 2025*
b.) Agenda Request(s)

- 9:26AM The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's report.
- 9:32AM **MOTION #20250212-6:**
Moved by: Representative Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chair's Report January 29, 2025, be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg
- No debate*
- Result:** Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #9 – Citizens' Proposals

- a.) Proposal #2 – Create Provincial Secretary of Two Spirit, 2SLGBTQ+*

- 9:36AM **MOTION #20250212-7:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins



Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the President's response to Citizens' Proposal #2 be accepted as presented.

Seconded by: Representative Joseph Tremblay

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Proposal #4 – Hold Formal Meeting with Fort Chipewyan Métis Nation within 60 days

9:40AM

MOTION #20250212-8:

Moved by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the following formal response to the August 2024 Citizens' Gathering Citizens' Proposal #4 be adopted for publication to the Citizens' Gathering.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) Proposal #12 – Strengthen Communication between Citizen Reps, the OMG, District Offices and Citizens

9:41AM

The Chair invited Nicole Sparrow, Director of Strategic Governance and Olivia Bako, Communications

9:44AM

MOTION #20250212-9:

Moved by: Representative Darryl Campbell

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration work to strengthen communication between Citizens' Representative, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, the District offices, and Citizens.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

d.) Proposal #7 – Consider having District Councils and Captains present reports on best practices of District Councils



9:46AM

MOTION #20250212-10:

Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that, in response to Citizens' Proposal #7 from the 2024 Citizens' Gathering, information about District operations will be included in established Citizens' Gathering reports as appropriate and relevant.

Seconded by: Secretary Jason Chernow

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Representatives Business

a.) BN: Fort Vermilion Public Schools Donation Request

9:47AM The Chair invited President Sandmaier to present onto the floor an update regarding Fort Vermilion Public Schools Donation request.

9:50AM

MOTION #20250212-11:

Moved by: Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that a donation be made to the St. Mary's Catholic School/Fort Vermilion Public School cultural cabin project by the Otipemisiwak Métis Government in the amount of \$5,000.

Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

9:50AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

10:04AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #11 – In-Camera Item(s)

10:12AM

MOTION #20250212-12:

Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy

The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.

Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe



Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

- 1:00PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess noting Council remains in-camera.
- 1:00PM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered a blessing of the meal.
- 2:01PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order with the continuation of the in-camera session.
- 2:19PM **MOTION #20250212-13:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

- 2:20PM **MOTION #20250212-14:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government supports the following resolution, as amended, being advanced to the MNC Board of Governors by the President and Secretary of Records.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Chernow

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment(s) to proposed resolution:

- Page 3, item 1.): insert 'as adopted in 2002' following, '...National Definition'
- Page 3, insert 'Probation' following ...2018 in the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph

Action Item #3: Administration to Amend resolution prior to bringing it forward.



Agenda Item #7 – Unfinished Business

a.) BN: Alberta School Boards' Indigenous Students Budget

2:30PM The Chair invited Secretary Lisa Wolfe to present onto the floor information regarding Alberta School Boards' Indigenous Students Budget.

2:36PM **MOTION #20250212-15:**
Moved by: Representative Catherine Schnell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the briefing note on Alberta School Boards' Indigenous Students Budget be accepted for information.
Seconded by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #8 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) Environment and Climate Change Department

i. BN: Species at Risk Engagement and Knowledge Holders Gathering Spring 2025

2:36PM The Chair invited Secretary Jason Chernow and Jennifer Pylypiw, ECC Engagement and Policy Manager, to present onto the floor information regarding Species at Risk Engagement and Knowledge Holders Gathering

2:41PM **MOTION #20250212-16:**
Moved by: Secretary Jason Chernow
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Environment and Climate Change briefing note on Species at Risk Engagements and Knowledge Holders Gathering Spring 2025 be accepted for information.
Seconded by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus



b.) Self-Government Department

i. BN: District Council Onboarding Update

2:45AM The Senior Director of Self-Government presented onto the floor the Self-Government Department Update.

2:47PM **MOTION #20250212-17:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the February 12, 2025, Self-Government Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:48PM The Chair presented onto the floor information regarding a Transitional Housing Initiative advising that it was to be included in the Self-Government update.

Question of Order: Secretary Shannon Dunfield noted this item is not on the agenda and inquired as to where it should be included.

The Chair suggested inserting it as Item #8bii) and sought unanimous consent from Council for the adjustment to the agenda.

Result: Carried by Consensus

ii. BN: Transitional Housing Initiative

3:03PM **RESOLUTION (BY MOTION) #20250212-18:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
WHEREAS: the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, on behalf of the Métis Nation within Alberta, and its corporate entities and holdings, is allocated funding through Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative to fund the Pishkayhta – Métis Nation of Alberta Transitional Housing (the "Funding").

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Otipemisiwak Métis Government authorizes CMHC to advance all funding under the Funding.



- 2) President Andrea Sandmaier and Senior Executive Officer Aaron Barner are hereby authorized and directed to enter into any other documents or agreements as may be reasonably required by CMHC in connection with the Funding Agreement substantially in the form of such draft documents or agreements presented or described to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, subject to such amendments to which any authorized signatory may agree from time to time (collectively, the **Additional Documents**).
- 3) Any and all actions taken prior to this date by President Andrea Sandmaier and Senior Executive Officer Aaron Barner, in connection with the negotiation of the Funding Agreement and the Additional Documents, if any, and any other ancillary and supporting documents or agreements (collectively, the Documents), are hereby authorized, ratified and confirmed.
- 4) President Andrea Sandmaier and Senior Executive Officer Aaron Barner are hereby authorized to:
 - (a) Execute and deliver the Documents with such changes, if any, as the authorized signatories may deem necessary or advisable, such execution to be conclusive evidence of their approval of any such changes;
 - (b) Execute and deliver all such instruments, agreements and other documents and take such further and other action as in such the President and Senior Executive Officer's opinion may be necessary or desirable, now or in the future, to facilitate or complete the transactions and agreements hereby approved and authorized; and
 - (c) Execute and deliver any replacements, extensions, amendments, renewals, or supplements to any of the foregoing as he or she may deem necessary or advisable at any time or from time to time.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions from the floor.

Result: Carried by Consensus

iii. BN: Elders and Knowledge Keepers Workshop Update

3:04PM The Chair invited Hannah Sutherland, Policy Analyst, Dakotah Bailey, Manager of Government Administration, and Katie Suvanto, Executive Assistant to the Senior Director of Self-Government to present onto the floor the Elders and Knowledge Keepers Workshop Update.



Members of Council raised concerns on why the process changed from the direction that was given by Council at a previous meeting.

3:30PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

3:46PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

4:25PM **MOTION #20250212-19:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that an update regarding the Council of Elders and Knowledge Keepers Discussion Workshop be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

Questions to Report

The Chair called for consensus on the motion.

Result: Consensus failed

The Chair called for a vote by show of hands, on the motion.

Result: Motion passed by majority vote

iv. BN: Citizens' Council Rules of Procedure Development Update

4:31PM The Chair invited Caspian Teymouri, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Citizens' Council Rules of Procedure Development Update.

4:40PM **MOTION #20250212-20:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the briefing note on providing feedback to the Rules of Procedure is accepted for information as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Aura Leddy

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus



Amendment:

- Under 'Current Status', include that the ROP discussion will be held during the March 2025 Citizens' Council Retreat

Action Item #4: Administration to Amend BN: Citizens' Council Rules of Procedure Update.

v. *BN: Request for Privacy Policy or Legislation*

4:41PM Secretary Brooke Bramfield proposed deferring this item to the next meeting due to time constraints.

4:41PM **MOTION #20250212-21:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that agenda item regarding the request for Privacy Policy or Legislation be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #12 – Key Messages

4:42PM The Chair invited Nicole Sparrow, Director of Strategic Governance, Olivia Bako, Communications Manager, and Kenny Trenton, Press Secretary, to discuss key messages from February 12, 2025, Citizens' Council meeting.

4:55PM **MOTION #20250212-22:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that President Sandmaier endorse an Official Letter of Recognition to Breanne Lizotte for her 2025 Juno Award Nomination in the category of Traditional Indigenous Artist or Group, for her album Winston & I.
Seconded by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



Action Item #5: Administration to confirm when the response was made to the Citizens Inquiry on Governance Topics.

Agenda Item #13 - Presidents Closing Remarks

5:02PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the Presidents closing remarks.

Agenda Item #14 – Closing Prayer

5:12PM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #15 – Adjournment

5:13PM 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.

5:13PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**
Moved by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

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

Tracked Motions

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