



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:		March 18, 2025 - 9:30AM	
LOCATION:		Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge 1 Old Lodge Rd. Jasper AB T0E 1E0	
ROOM:		Beauvert Ballroom	
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	8:30AM	ONSITE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	ADMINISTRATION
1	9:30AM	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	9:30AM	OPENING PRAYER	ELDER LEONA CARTER
3	9:35AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA **Motion Required**	CHAIR
4	9:35AM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES a.) Citizens' Council Meeting – February 12, 2025 **Motion Required**	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
5	9:40AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
6	9:45AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – February 12, 2025 b.) Agenda Request(s) **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	10:00AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. BN: Self-Government Update **Motion Required** ii. BN: Transition Update **Motion Required** b.) Registry Department i. BN: Registry Removals Process Overview **Motion Required**	SELF-GOVERNMENT TRANSITION MANAGER REGISTRAR
-	10:30AM	BREAK	
8	10:45AM	OFFICER'S REPORTS a.) Chief Electoral Officer – By-Elections Update	CHAIR
9	11:00AM	CITIZENS' PROPOSALS a.) BN: Proposal #8 – Consideration for Recognition of the date Citizens of Jasper AB	CHAIR

		were allowed to return home following the wildfires **Motion Required**	
10	11:15AM	<p>COMMITTEE BUSINESS</p> <p>a.) BN: Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee Recommendation Re: Representative Leddy's 2SLGBTQIA+ Proposal **Motion Required**</p> <p>b.) BN: Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee 6-Month Pilot Review Discussion **Motion Required**</p>	PRESIDENT
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
11	1:00PM	<p>IN-CAMERA ITEM(S)</p> <p>a.) District Council Bylaws b.) Legal Update(s) c.) Memo Re: Lac Ste. Anne Métis Community Association Trans Mountain Pipeline Litigation d.) Treasury & Finance i. 2025/26 Budget Review ii. Interim Fiscal Financing Arrangement Review e.) Update on Expert Panel Resolution **Motion Required**</p>	<p>LEGAL COUNSEL</p> <p>SEC. EKEBERG LEGAL COUNSEL</p> <p>PRESIDENT</p>
12	2:00PM	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p> <p>a.) BN: Request for Privacy Policy or Legislation **Motion Required**</p>	SEC. BROOKE BRAMFIELD
13	2:20PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
14	2:25PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
15	2:30PM	CLOSING PRAYER	ELDER LEONA CARTER
16	2:30PM	<p>ADJOURNMENT **Motion Required**</p>	CHAIR

1.) Administrative assistance will be on site from 8:30 am to 9:30 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

9:32AM The Chair called the March 18, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:32AM Elder Leona Clark delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

9:34AM **MOTION #20250318-1:**
Moved by: Representative Joseph Tremblay
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the March 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Aura Leddy

Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendments include change the order of discussion, as follows:

- Agenda Item #7a.i.) Self-Government Update - will be dealt with following Item #7b.i.)
- Agenda Item #10a.) Committee Business – tabled to the April meeting
- Agenda Item #12 Unfinished Business – moved up to follow Item #6
- Agenda Item #11 In-Camera Item(s) – a request was made to increase the time allotted for this item. The Chair confirmed that any administrative items may be dealt with earlier, that do not require Legal Counsel, as the agenda is advanced



Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

a.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, February 12, 2025

9:51AM **MOTION #20250318-2:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting February 12, 2025, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Debate

The Chair called for consensus on the motion.

Result: Consensus failed

The Chair called for a vote by show of hands, on the motion. Two (2) Council members voted in opposition.

Result: Motion passed by majority vote

Amendment(s):

- Page 8 – Question of Order change Result: from 'Unanimous Consent Achieved' to 'Carried by Consensus'
- Page 10 – first sentence, top of the page, insert 'Members of' at the start
- Page 12 – Adjournment - Remove 'Acting' before Chair, in two places

Action Item #1: Clerk of the Council to amend February 12, 2025, Minutes.

Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

9:52AM 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 – February 12, 2025*
- b.) Agenda Request(s)*

10:08AM The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's report.



10:08AM **MOTION #20250318-3:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chair's Report be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #12 – Unfinished Business

a.) BN: Request for Privacy Policy or Legislation

10:08AM The Chair invited Secretary Brooke Bramfield to present onto the floor information regarding the Information & Privacy Policy or Legislation.

10:09AM **MOTION #20250318-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Legal Counsel be directed to draft an *Information & Privacy Act* and bring forward a draft to the next Citizens' Council meeting to begin co-developing this Act.
Seconded by: Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #7 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) Self-Government Department

ii.) BN: Transition Update

10:10AM The Chair invited Nicole Shepherd, Transition Manager, to present onto the floor the Transition Update.

10:15AM **MOTION #20250318-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the March 18, 2025, Transition Report be accepted for information as presented.



Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Registry Department

10:15AM The Chair invited Shawn McKay, Director of Citizenship and Registry, to present onto the floor the Registry Removal Process Overview.

10:43AM **MOTION #20250318-6:**
Moved by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Registry Removals Process Overview be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #2: Administration is directed to provide a briefing note for a future discussion of Council to consider changes to the wording on the website as it relates to the Public Registry (as named in the OMG Laws) versus the Registry of Laws (as is currently on the website), including the existing Register of Citizens to be called the Métis Citizenship Registry, to alleviate any potential confusion.

10:43AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:00AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

a.) Self-Government Department Continued

i.) BN: Self-Government Update

11:00AM The Chair invited Sam Channell, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Self-Government Department Update.

The Chair paused Sam Channell's report and acknowledged Representative Aura Leddy who rose on a Question of Order.



11:00AM **ss. 59(2) Question of Order:** Representative Aura Leddy: Referring to the decision on Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2025. Representative Leddy requests additional information in the manner and form of: “legal counsel to provide an opinion on what the appropriate form of record for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government should be, along with relevant considerations such as accuracy and elected official safety, and that the opinion be brought back to Council to inform future Rules of Procedure discussions.”

11:01AM The Chair directed Representative Leddy to provide the language to the Clerk of the Citizens' Council.

Chair Ruling: The Chair accepts the Question of Order, Administration is directed to communicate the request to legal counsel to solicit the opinion requested by the Representative to be brought forward to a future meeting of Council in the form and manner requested.

b.) Self-Government Department Continued

i.) BN: Self-Government Update

11:02AM The Chair invited Sam Channell, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Self-Government Department Update.

11:03AM **MOTION #20250318-7:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the March 18, 2025, Self-Government Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – Officer's Reports

a.) Chief Electoral Officer – By-Elections Update

11:04AM The Chair presented onto the floor the By-Elections updated prepared by the Chief Electoral Officer.



11:04AM

MOTION #20250318-8:

Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chief Electoral Officer's By-Election Update be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #3: Administration is directed to have the CEO confirm the process when an elected District Councilor seeks candidacy for a vacancy in a Citizens' Representative position.

Agenda Item #9 – Citizens' Proposals

a.) Proposal #8 – Consideration for Recognition of the date Citizens of Jasper AB were allowed to return home following the wildfires

11:07AM

The Chair invited Sam Channell, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Briefing Note regarding Citizens' Proposal #8.

MOTION #20250318-9:

Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that, in response to Citizens' Proposal #8 from the 2024 Citizens' Gathering, August 16 be recognized by the Otipemisiwak Métis Government as the date residents were permitted to return to the municipality of Jasper, and that the event be further recognized at the 2025 Citizens' Gathering.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions to report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Committee Business

a.) BN: Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee Recommendation Re: Representative Leddy's 2SLGBTQIA+ Proposal



Upon the request of Representative Aura Leddy, this item is deferred to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

b.) Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee 6-Month Pilot Review

11:36AM The Chair invited President Sandmaier to present onto the floor information regarding the 6-month pilot review of the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee.

11:38AM **MOTION #20250318-10:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Interim Legislative Proposal Procedure adopted March 20, 2024, is hereby repealed, and be it further resolved that Administration is directed to develop a new draft legislative proposal process for the consideration of Citizens' Council.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:38AM **MOTION #20250318-11:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee is hereby dissolved.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:39AM **MOTION #20250318-12:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that a Legislative Review and Engagement Committee is hereby struck for the purpose of continuing the work of developing and implementing a Legislative Review and Engagement Plan.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions to Report



Result: Carried by Consensus

11:39AM

MOTION #20250318-13:

Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that President Andrea Sandmaier is hereby appointed as chairperson of the Legislative Review and Assessment Committee and Secretary Chernow, Secretary Paul-Alook, Secretary Lavallee, Secretary Grauman, Secretary Lacombe, Secretary Bramfield and Representative Wolfe are hereby appointed as members of the Legislative Review and Engagement Committee.

Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #12 – In-Camera Item(s)

11:40AM

MOTION #20250318-14:

Moved by: Secretary Jason Chernow

The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.

Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:52AM

MOTION #20250318-15:

Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell

The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.

Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Undebatable

11:50AM

MOTION #20250318-16:

Moved by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that President's Update on the MNC Expert Panel Report be accepted for information as presented.



Seconded by: Representative Joseph Tremblay

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:52AM Elder Leona Clark delivered a blessing of the meal.

11:52AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

1:01PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #12 – In-Camera Item(s) Continued

1:01PM **MOTION #20250318-17:**
Moved by: Representative Sarah Wolfe
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:34PM **MOTION #20250318-18:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:35PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20250318-19:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

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 Métis Government Citizens' Council directed that self-government staff continue engagements with the MNA's Local Councils ("***Local Councils***") 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 Lac Ste. Anne and Peace River 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 District Council Bylaws for the Lesser Slave Lake Métis District (attached hereto as Annex "B") were fully approved by the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government on July 10, 2024, and the Slave Lake Local Council has since determined that it is in the best interests of the District Council to revise and re-submit the bylaws for Citizens' Council's further approval;



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 interest 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Approval-in-Principle of Bylaws

- 1) Notwithstanding any inconsistencies with previously approved District Council model bylaws, and, subject to technical and legal edits as may be required, the District Council Bylaws for the Lac Ste. Anne and Peace River Métis District are approved in principle.

Re-Approval of Bylaws

- 2) Notwithstanding any inconsistencies with previously approved District Council model bylaws, the District Council Bylaws for the Lesser Slave Lake Métis District, as revised, are re-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: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus



- 2:35PM **MOTION #20250318-20:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Treasury and Finance update be accepted for information as presented and that further information and discussion is tabled to the next Regular Meeting of Council on April 16, 2025.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #4: Administration is directed provide to Citizens' Council, the Schedule 'B' missing from the IFFA that was handed out.

Agenda Item #13 – Key Messages

- 2:10PM The Chair invited Olivia Bako, Communications Manager and Kenny Trenton, Press Secretary, to discuss key messages from March 18, 2025, Citizens' Council.

Agenda Item #14 - Presidents Closing Remarks

- 2:43PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #15 – Closing Prayer

- 2:45PM Elder Leona Clark delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment

- 2:46PM 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.

- 2:46PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**
Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell

The Chair declared the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for April 16, 2025.



Tracked Motions

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