



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:		April 16 & 17, 2025 - 1:00PM	
LOCATION:		Doubletree by Hilton 16615 – 109 Avenue Edmonton AB T5P 4K8	
ROOM:		SBCC7	
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
1	1:00PM	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	1:00PM	OPENING PRAYER	
3	1:05PM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA **Motion Required**	CHAIR
4	1:05PM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES a.) Citizens' Council Meeting – March 18, 2025 **Motion Required**	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
5	1:10PM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME a.) BN: Response to Expert Panel's Final Report on Métis Communities in Ontario **Motion Required**	PRESIDENT
6	1:20PM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – March 18, 2025 b.) Agenda Request(s) **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	1:30PM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. BN: Self-Government Transition Update **Motion Required** ii. BN: Legislative Process Update **Motion Required** b.) Communications Update i. Registry of Laws vs. Public Registry Discussion c.) Executive Office / Senior Executive Officer i. Insurance Presentation	TRANSITION MANAGER SELF-GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS BROKERLINK
8	2:30PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) BN: OMG Officer's Salaries (Ombudsman) b.) Treasury & Finance i. 2025/26 Budget Approval **Motion Required**	SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9	2:45PM	UNFINISHED BUSINESS a.) Committee Business – BN: Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee Recommendation Re: Representative Leddy's 2SLGBTQIA+ Proposal (with new information in Appendix A)	PRESIDENT
-	3:00PM	BREAK	
-	4:30PM	RECESS AT END OF DAY 1	
10	10:00AM	DAY 2 - CALL BACK TO ORDER	CHAIR
11	10:05AM	OPENING PRAYER	
12	10:05AM	CITIZENS' GATHERING a.) BN: Approval of 2025 Citizens' Gathering Agenda of Events **Motion Required**	TAYLOR MASTERS
13	10:35AM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) District Council Bylaws b.) Interim Fiscal Financing Arrangement Schedule B c.) Treasury & Finance i.) 2025/26 Budget Approval (cont. if needed) **Motion Required**	LEGAL COUNSEL SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
14	11:30AM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
15	11:45AM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
16	11:55AM	CLOSING PRAYER	
17	12:00PM	ADJOURNMENT **Motion Required**	CHAIR

1.) Administrative assistance will be on site 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

1:00PM The Chair called the April 16 & 17, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

1:02PM Grandmother Beatrice Demetrius delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

1:03PM **MOTION #20250416-1:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the April 16 & 17, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Joseph Tremblay

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment to change the order of discussion, as follows:

- Agenda Item #5a) President's Welcome - BN: Response to Expert Panel's final Report on Métis Communities in Ontario - will be dealt with during Item #8 – In-Camera Item(s) as #8c).

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

a.) Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting, March 18, 2025

1:14PM **MOTION #20250416-2:**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting March 18, 2025, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Darryl Campbell



Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Amendment(s):

- Page 3 – Motion #20250318-4, second line, insert the word 'meeting' following Citizens' Council

Action Item #1: Clerk to amend March 18, 2025, minutes.

Secretary Chernow requested it be highlighted that there be consistency with how Citizens' Council meetings are conducted.

Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

1:15PM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

Questions to report

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

- a.) *Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – March 18, 2025*
- b.) *Agenda Request(s)*

1:34PM The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's report.

1:34PM **MOTION #20250416-3:**
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: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

Questions to report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #2: May 13, 2025, Chair's report to include more information and an expected timeline for the draft Information and Privacy Legislation.



Agenda Item #7 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) Self-Government Department

i.) BN: Self-Government Transition Update

1:36PM The Chair invited Nicole Shepherd, Transition Manager, to present onto the floor the Transition Update.

1:45PM **MOTION #20250416-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the April 16, 2025, Transition Report be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

ii.) BN: Legislative Process Update

1:45PM The Chair invited Caspian Teymouri, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Legislative Process Update.

1:50PM **MOTION #20250416-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki
Be it resolved by Citizens' Council that the April 16, 2025, Update on Current Legislative Development Process be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #3: Administration is directed to distribute the bill templates and other resources created around legislation development, to Council members.



1:51PM **ss. 59(2) Question of Order:** Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook: Referring to Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda, Secretary Paul-Alook apologized for not being seated during this item and provided a reasonable excuse for the absence. Secretary Paul-Alook requested an addition to the agenda, regarding a Health Advisory Council, noting it is time sensitive in nature,

Chair Ruling: The Chair accepts the Question of Order and directed Secretary Paul-Alook to make a motion to amend the agenda.

1:52PM **MOTION #20250416-6:**
Moved by: Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for April 16 & 17, 2025, be further amended to include a briefing note regarding a Health Advisory Council.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

1:52PM The Chair confirmed the Health Advisory Council will be added as Agenda Item #8, followed by In-Camera Item(s) as #9 and the remaining numbering changed thereafter.

b.) Communications Update

i.) Registry of Laws vs. Public Registry Discussion

1:53PM The Chair invited Olivia Bako, Communications Manager, to present onto the floor information regarding proposed changes to the website.

Questions to report

Action Item #4: Administration is directed to prepare a briefing note outlining the proposed changes to the website to be brought back to Council.

c.) Executive Office / Senior Executive Officer

i.) Insurance Presentation



2:00PM The Chair invited Aaron Barner, Senior Executive Officer to introduce Chad Hudson from BrokerLink to present onto the floor the Insurance Update.

Questions to report

Agenda Item #8 – Representative Business

a.) BN: Health Advisory Council

2:14PM The Chair invited Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook to present onto the floor the briefing note regarding a Health Advisory Council.

2:15PM **MOTION:**
Moved by: Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook

Be it resolved that the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizens' Council appoint a Health Advisory Council, which will consist of the Secretary of Health & Seniors and the Secretary of Mental Health & Addictions as co-chairs; one Citizens' Representative from each territory; the provincial Women's Representative; the provincial Youth Representative; and non-voting Otipemisiwak Métis Government staff representatives, including the Director of Health and administrative support staff.

Be it further resolved that the above Health Advisory Council members meet within two weeks to draft a terms of reference that support the purpose and objective outlined in this briefing and identifies criteria for further appointing one Citizen per territory and one member of the Elders and Knowledge Keepers advisory council to serve on the Health Advisory Council.

Seconded by: *No seconder*

Result: No Secunder – Question of Order

2:30PM **Question of Order (Self-Government Act, ss. 59(2)):** President Andrea Sandmaier: Referring to the Motion contained in the briefing note presented by Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook, President Sandmaier requests that administration provide a cost estimate related to the proposal for the establishment of a Health Advisory Council.

2:45PM **Question of Order (Self-Government Act, ss. 59(2)):** Secretary Shannon Dunfield: Referring to the Question of Order brought forward by President Andrea Sandmaier, Secretary Dunfield respectfully questioned whether the President could call for a Question of Order at Citizens' Council meetings.



- 3:05PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.
- 3:15PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.
- 3:15PM **Chair Ruling:** The Chair accepts the Question of Order raised by President Sandmaier in that the information is relevant, it is produceable, and it exists. Administration is directed to collect the information and return it to Council, with the agenda item to stand down until the information is provided. The Chair advised that the Question of Order raised by Secretary Dunfield was rendered moot because the Question of Order raised by President Sandmaier was echoed by Representative Leddy.
- 3:16PM **Question of Order (Self-Government Act, ss. 59(2)):** Secretary Shannon Dunfield: Referring to the Question of Order brought forward by President Andrea Sandmaier, Secretary Dunfield requests that the Chair provide a detailed opinion as to whether the President could raise Questions of Order during proceedings.
- 3:17PM **Chair Ruling:** The Chair accepts the Question of Order raised by Secretary Dunfield and will provide a response in a future Chair's Report.
- Action Item #5:** Administration is directed to prepare a cost estimate for the proposed Health Advisory Council.

Agenda Item #9 – In-Camera Item(s)

- 3:20PM **MOTION #20250416-7:**
Moved by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
- Undebatable*
- Result:** Carried by Consensus
- 4:35PM **MOTION #20250416-8:**
Moved by: Representative Darryl Campbell
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell
- Undebatable*
- Result:** Carried by Consensus



- 4:36PM **MOTION #20250416-9:**
Moved by: Representative Catherine Schnell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Ombudsman Remuneration Report prepared by the Senior Executive Officer, be accepted as presented, and the remuneration rate for the Ombudsman be adjusted to \$120,000 per annum effective May 1, 2025.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus
Action Item #6: Administration is directed to draft a Regulation to the Ombudsman Act regarding trauma informed investigations.

- 4:37PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess until April 17, 2025, at 9:30AM

DAY 2 – April 17, 2025

Agenda Item #11 – Recall to Order

- 9:34AM The Chair recalled the April 16 & 17, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #12 – Opening Prayer

- 9:35AM Grandmother Beatrice Demetrius delivered an opening prayer.
- 9:35AM The Chair noted a further addition to the agenda and sought a motion to approve the inclusion of an Auditor General Presentation at 11:00AM as agenda item #14d).
- 9:35AM **MOTION #20250417-1:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for April 16 & 17, 2025, be further amended to include a presentation from the Auditor General.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #9 & #14 – In-Camera Item(s) Continued

9:36AM **MOTION #20250417-2:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Chernow

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

10:09AM **MOTION #20250417-3:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

10:09AM **MOTION #20250417-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Jason Chernow
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the following resolution, which was adopted by virtual vote on April 5, 2025, in response to the public release of the document titled "National Definition of Metis: A Review of Communities in Ontario" is hereby ratified and shall be entered into the record:

Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council has reviewed the document titled: "National Definition of Metis: A Review of Communities in Ontario", which was produced as a result of a resolution by the Metis National Council, and which has been released by the Metis Nation of Ontario.

Be it further resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Otipemisiwak Metis Government neither supports nor endorses the document titled: "National Definition of Metis: A Review of Communities in Ontario".

Seconded by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



10:10AM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20250417-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Bobbi Paul-Alook

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 Grande Prairie 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 Fort Vermilion Métis District were fully approved by the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government on July 10, 2025, and the Fort Vermilion 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 further approval (attached hereto as Annex "B") subject to minor subsequent revisions to Article 1 thereof at the direction of the Fort Vermilion Local Council, and a track changes version of the bylaws highlighting these revisions is attached here to as Annex "C";

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 the Independent Legal Counsel 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) Subject to technical and legal edits as may be required, the District Council Bylaws for the Grande Prairie Métis District are approved in principle.

Re-Approval of Bylaws

- 2) The District Council Bylaws for the Fort Vermilion Métis District, as revised, and subject to minor subsequent revisions to Article 1 thereof at the direction of the Fort Vermilion Local Council, 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: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Unfinished Business

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

10:11AM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor information regarding the recommendation from the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee.

10:48AM **MOTION #20250417-6:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Administration be directed to draft a bill in accordance with the legislative proposal regarding the protection and inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens submitted by Representative Aura Leddy.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Questions to report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #7: Administration is directed to provide Citizens' Council, with a copy of the Promoting & Increasing Cultural Safety Report by email.

10:50AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:06AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.



Agenda Item #9 & #14 – In-Camera Item(s)

11:06AM **MOTION #20250417-7:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joseph Chodzicki

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:20PM **MOTION #20250417-8:**
Moved by: Representative Aura Leddy
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:21PM **MOTION #20250417-9:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the 2025-2026 Annual Budget of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government be approved as presented. Administration is directed to report on the status of expenditures in relation 2025-2026 Annual Budget of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government on a quarterly basis to the Secretary of Treasury for presentation to the Citizens' Council.
Seconded by: Representative Sarah Wolfe

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:21PM **MOTION #20250417-10:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Auditor General is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a "Special Report" in accordance with Section



31 of the Financial Management Act, for the purposes of conducting a Pre-Transition Financial Review of all Otipemisiwak Métis Government Affiliates.

Seconded by: Secretary Jason Chernow

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:22PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

12:35PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #13 – Citizens' Gathering

a.) BN: Approval of 2025 Citizens' Gathering Agenda of Events

12:35PM The Chair invited Taylor Masters, Events Manager, to present onto the floor the Briefing Note regarding the Citizens Gathering.

12:39PM **MOTION #20250417-11:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the draft 2025 Citizens' Gathering agenda attached herein is hereby adopted as the proposed agenda for the 2025 Citizens' Gathering, subject to final adoption by the Citizens' Gathering.
Seconded by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield

Questions to report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action Item #8: Representative Aura Leddy requested a briefing to provide clarity on what types of decisions are required by Citizens' Council prior to administration acting.



Agenda Item #15 – Key Messages

12:45PM The next Voyageur Voice newsletter will highlight the Citizens who were honoured with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Agenda Item #16 - Presidents Closing Remarks

12:50PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #17 – Closing Prayer

12:54PM Grandmother Beatrice Demetrius delivered a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #17 – Adjournment

12:55PM 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.

12:55PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**
Moved by: Secretary Rebecca Lavallee

The Chair declared the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for May 13, 2025.

Tracked Motions

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