



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:		July 30, 2025 - 10:00AM	
LOCATION:		Coast Nisku Inn & Conference Centre 1101 - 4th Street, Nisku, AB, T9E 7N1	
ROOM:		Nisku Ballroom	
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	9:00AM	ONSITE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	ADMINISTRATION
-	9:00AM	BREAKFAST PROVIDED ON SITE	
1	10:00AM	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	10:00AM	OPENING PRAYER	NORMA SPICER
3	10:05AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA **Motion Required**	CHAIR
4	10:10AM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) Personnel b.) Legal <i>*Confidential session only Citizens' Council and designated staff are authorized to be present</i>	PRESIDENT LEGAL COUNSEL
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
5	1:00PM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
6	1:10PM	SWEARING IN CEREMONY	
7	1:40PM	MEETING MINUTES a.) Draft Citizens' Council Meeting – June 12, 2025 **Motion Required**	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
8	1:45PM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – July 30, 2025 b.) Agenda Request(s) **Motion Required**	CHAIR
9	1:55PM	UNFINISHED BUSINESS a.) BN: District Boundaries Commission Appointment Timeline **Motion Required**	SELF-GOVERNMENT

10	2:10PM	<p>OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S)</p> <p>a.) Self-Government Department</p> <p>i. BN: Self-Government Update **Motion Required**</p> <p>ii. BN: Transition Update **Motion Required**</p>	<p>CHAIR</p> <p>TRANSITION MANAGER</p>
11	2:25PM	<p>SECRETARY REPORTS</p> <p>a.) Youth, Sport & Gender Equity **Motion Required**</p>	<p>SECRETARY LAVALLEE</p>
-	2:30PM	BREAK	
12	2:45PM	<p>CITIZENS' PROPOSALS</p> <p>a.) Response to Citizens' Proposals Report **Motion Required**</p>	<p>SELF- GOVERNMENT</p>
13	3:00PM	<p>CITIZENS' GATHERING</p> <p>a.) BN: Updates on the 2025 Citizens' Gathering **Motion Required**</p> <p>b.) Rules of Procedure Ratification **Motion Required**</p> <p>c.) BN: Kahsketakihk Citizens' Gathering Update **Motion Required**</p>	<p>TAYLOR MASTERS</p> <p>SELF- GOVERNMENT</p>
14	3:45PM	<p>REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS</p> <p>a.) BN: Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Economic Stream **Motion Required**</p>	<p>SECRETARY DIBB</p>
15	4:00PM	<p>OFFICER'S REPORTS</p> <p>a.) Chief Electoral Officer Elections Report **Motion Required**</p>	<p>CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER</p>
16	4:15PM	KEY MESSAGES	<p>COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE</p>
17	4:20PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
18	4:25PM	CLOSING PRAYER	NORMA SPICER
19	4:30PM	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>**Motion Required**</p>	<p>CHAIR</p>



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Attendance – July 30, 2025

P = Present	V= Virtual	A= Absent	✓
Executive Representative(s):			
President	Andrea Sandmaier	✓	
Secretary of Records	Sarah Wolfe	✓	
Secretary of Treasury	Jason Ekeberg	✓	

Representative(s):	P	V	A	Representative(s):	P	V	A
Secretary Rebecca Lavallee	✓			Representative Darryl W. Campbell	✓		
Secretary Joe Chodzicki	✓			Representative Catherine Schnell	✓		
Secretary Nelson Anthony Lussier	✓			Representative Trevor Ward	✓		
Secretary Kaila Mitchell	✓			Representative Jason Chernow			✓
Secretary Lisa Wolfe	✓			Representative Alfred L'Hirondelle	✓		
Secretary Aura Leddy	✓			Representative Shannon Dunfield	✓		
Secretary Karen (KC) Collins	✓			Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook		✓	
Secretary Barry Dibb	✓			Representative Joseph Noel Tremblay			✓
Secretary Brooke Bramfield	✓			Representative Judy Ann Cardinal			✓
Secretary Valerie Quintal	✓			Representative Cindy Moore	✓		
Secretary Grant Lacombe	✓			Women's Representative	Vacant		

Officer(s) & Administration:		P	V	A
Chair	Garrett Tomlinson	✓		
Acting Clerk of Citizens' Council	Hanna Sutherland	✓		
Senior Executive Officer	Aaron Barner	✓		
Acting Chair	Tyler Fetch	✓		



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

10:09AM The Chair called the July 30, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

10:10AM Elder Norma Spicer delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

10:13AM **MOTION #20250730-1:**

Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the June 12, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended/as presented.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Amendment to add additional items, as follows:

- Item #13(d) kahsketakhik Reasonable Expenses & Honorarium
- In-Camera Item #4(g) Personnel

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – In-Camera Item(s)

10:13AM **MOTION #20250730-2:**

Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.

Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

10:25AM Senior Executive Officer Aaron Barner entered the meeting room.

10:50AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

11:06AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera*).



- 11:42AM Secretary Jason Ekeberg left the meeting room.
- 11:44AM Secretary Jason Ekeberg returned back to the meeting room.
- 12:09PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).
- 12:10PM The Chair invited Elder Norma Spicer to deliver the blessing of the meal.
- 12:34PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera*).

- 1:05PM **MOTION #20250730-3:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Grant Lacombe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

- 1:05PM **MOTION #20250730-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Jasmine Nuthall be appointed to the Board of Directors for Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. for a term of three years.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

- 1:05PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.
- 1:13PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

- 1:13PM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

Questions to report



Agenda Item #6 – Swearing In Ceremony

1:14PM The Self-Government Department staff organized and facilitated the swearing-in ceremony and onboarding for the following newly elected District Captains:

At **1:17PM, Heather Seale**, District Captain for Medicine Hat Métis District, was sworn in.

At **1:22PM, Brad Martin**, District Captain for St. Albert Métis District, was sworn in.

1:24PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

1:40PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #7 – Meeting Minutes

1:42PM **MOTION #20250730-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the Citizens' Council Meeting June 12, 2025, be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Questions to report

Result: Carried by Consensus

1:49PM **MOTION #20250730-6:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that agenda items 4(c), 4(d), 4(f), 8(a), 8(b), 9(a), 10(a)i., 10(a)ii., and 14(a) be tabled to the next regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.
Seconded by: Secretary Barry Dibb

Questions to report

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #4 – In-Camera Item(s) cont.

1:49PM

MOTION #20250730-7:

Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.

Seconded by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

Chair Garrett Tomlinson relinquished control of the meeting to Acting Chair Tyler Fetch in order to provide subject matter expertise and information in their capacity as Senior Director of Self-Government.

3:09PM

Secretary Jason Ekeberg left the meeting room.

3:12PM

Secretary Jason Ekeberg returned to the meeting room.

4:01PM

The Acting Chair Tyler Fetch declared Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

4:17PM

The Acting Chair Tyler Fetch recalled the meeting of Council back to order (*in-camera*).

4:46PM

MOTION #20250730-8:

Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins

The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.

Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Undebatable

Result: Carried by Consensus

4:47PM

MOTION #20250730-9:

Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Self-government Agreement Update from Legal Counsel be accepted for Information as presented.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus



4:48PM **MOTION #20250730-10:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that agenda item #15(a) be tabled to the next regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

4:48PM The Chair declared Council to be in recess.

4:54PM The Chair recalled the meeting of Council back to order.

4:55PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20250730-11:**
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 Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (the "**Citizens' Council**") directed that self-government staff continue engagements with the MNA's 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 District Council Bylaws for the Red Deer Métis District (the "**Red Deer Bylaws**") were fully approved by Citizens' Council on July 10, 2024;

AND WHEREAS following the full approval of the Red Deer Bylaws, the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council #492 (the "**Red Deer Local**") determined that it was in the best interests of the District Council to revise and re-submit the Red Deer Bylaws for Citizens' Council's further approval, and those revised bylaws were re-approved by Citizens' Council on June 12, 2025;

AND WHEREAS following further engagement with the Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta residing in the Red Deer Métis District in respect of the Red Deer Bylaws, the Red Deer Local has determined that it is in the best interests of the District Council to further revise and resubmit the Red Deer Bylaws for Citizens' Council's further approval (a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex "A", and a track changes version of the Red Deer Bylaws highlighting these revisions is attached hereto as Annex "B");

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 as previously communicated on May 13 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 interests throughout this transition process;

AND WHEREAS once this resolution is approved, the Red Deer Local will work with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's Self-Government Department and the Independent Legal Counsel to coordinate and hold a special meeting of their members to pass a special resolution to adopt the Red Deer Bylaws, and to take all corporate steps required to effect their transition into the District Council of the Red Deer Métis District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Re-Approval of Bylaws

1) The Red Deer Bylaws, as revised, are re-approved in accordance with section 10 of the *District Councils Act*.

General

2) 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 Catherine Schnell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

4:55PM

MOTION #20250730-12:

Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Administration is directed to provide additional information in respect to the personnel matter as identified by Citizens' Council.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #11 – Secretary Reports

a) Youth, Sport, & Gender Equity

4:56PM The Chair invited Secretary Rebecca Lavallee to present onto the floor the Youth, Sport & Gender Equity portfolio update.

4:56PM **MOTION #20250730-13:**
Moved by: Secretary Rebecca Lavallee
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Youth, Sport & Gender Equity Portfolio update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #13 – Citizens' Gathering

a.) BN: Updates on the 2025 Citizens' Gathering

4:57PM **MOTION #20250730-14:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Agenda Item #13(a) be tabled to the next regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #13 – Citizens' Gathering

b.) Rules of Procedure Ratification

4:57PM The Chair invited Sam Channel to read onto the floor the Rules of Procedure Ratification.



4:58PM

MOTION #20250730-15:

Moved by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Be it resolved by Citizens' Council that the following resolution, which was adopted by virtual vote on July 3, 2025, in response to the amendments of the document titled "Citizens' Gathering Rules of Procedure" is hereby ratified and shall be entered into the record:

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Citizens' Gathering Rules of Procedure are hereby amended to reflect all proposed changes as set out in the foregoing briefing.

Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) kahsketakihk Citizens' Gathering Update

4:59PM

The Chair invited Lina Chhom, Self-Government Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the kahsketakihk Citizens' Gathering Update.

5:02PM

MOTION #20250730-16:

Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the briefing regarding the planned update on the council of Elders and Knowledge Keepers at the 2025 Citizens' Gathering be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Secretary Rebecca Lavallee

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

Action item #1: Add the pronunciation of kahsketakihk in the header of the handout.

5:04PM

The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier and Lina Chhom, Self-Government Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the kahsketakihk Reasonable Expenses & Honorarium briefing note.



5:14PM **MOTION #20250730:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the kahsketakihk Reasonable Expenses & Honorarium briefing note, be accepted for information as presented.

Be it further resolved that Administration is directed to draft an Honoraria Policy for the kahsketakihk council, which shall include such honoraria rates as approved by Cabinet.

Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

5:14PM Secretary Karen Collins proposed a friendly amendment to the motion to include direction that a broader Honoraria Policy be informed for application across the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

5:15PM The Chair called on the mover to confirm acceptance of the friendly amendment.

Result: *Friendly Amendment Accepted*

5:16PM Representative Trevor Ward proposed a friendly amendment to the language to specify departments of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

The Chair called on the mover and seconder to confirm acceptance of the friendly amendment.

Result: *Friendly Amendment Accepted*

5:17PM **MOTION #20250730-17:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the kahsketakihk Reasonable Expenses & Honorarium briefing note, be accepted for information as presented.

Be it further resolved that Administration is directed to draft an Honoraria Policy for the kahsketakihk council, which shall include such honoraria rates as approved by Cabinet; and which shall inform an Honoraria Policy to be applied across all departments of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions to Report.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #12 – Citizens' Proposals

a) Response to Citizens' Proposals Report



5:18PM The Chair invited Sam Channell, Self-Government Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Response to Citizens' Proposals Report.

5:19PM **MOTION #20250730-18:**
Moved by: Representative Catherine Schnell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Citizens' Council Report on 2024 Citizens' Proposals is hereby approved as presented and is directed for submission to the Chair no later than July 31, 2025.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #16 – Key Messages

5:20PM The Chair invited the Communications team and Strategic Governance team, Nicole Sparrow and Oliva Bako, to read onto the floor key messages from the July 30, 2025 regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.

Action Item #2: *Administration is directed to provide communication to Citizens regarding the live-streaming details for the Citizens' Gathering. The Agenda and live-streaming link is directed to be distributed to Citizens via email the day prior to the Gathering.*

Agenda Item #17 – President's Closing Remarks

5:24PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #18 – Closing Prayer

5:26PM The Chair invited Elder Norma Spicer to deliver a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #19 – Adjournment

5:27PM There being no further business of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government properly tabled on the agenda; the Chair declared the Council meeting adjourned.



Tracked Motions

20250730-1	20250730-2	20250730-3	20250730-4
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