



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:		October 16, 2025 - 9:30AM	
LOCATION:		Edmonton Expo Centre 7515 118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5B 0J2	
ROOM:		Ballroom 105 & 106	
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	9:00AM	ONSITE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	ADMINISTRATION
1	9:30AM	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	9:30AM	OPENING PRAYER	NORMA SPICER
3	9:35AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA **Motion Required**	CHAIR
4	9:40AM	MEETING MINUTES a.) Draft Citizens' Council Meeting – September 18, 2025 **Motion Required**	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
5	9:45AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
6	10:00AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – September 18, 2025 b.) Agenda Request(s) c.) 2026 Citizens' Council Meeting Dates **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	10:10AM	CITIZENS' GATHERING a.) 2026 Citizens' Gathering Dates & Territory (20min) **Motion Required** b.) Citizens' Gathering Fuel Card Distribution Discussion (20min) **Motion Required** c.) Report on 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering (30min) **Motion Required**	EVENTS MANAGER FINANCE CHAIR
-	11:00AM	BREAK	
8	11:15AM	REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS a.) BN: Government of Alberta – Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Cultural Stream (15min) **Motion Required**	SECRETARY BRAMFIELD / CFS

9	11:45AM	SECRETARY REPORTS a.) Health, Wellbeing & Seniors Report **Motion Required**	SECRETARY MITCHELL
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
10	1:00PM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. Kahsketakhk Council Development – October 2025 Update **Motion Required**	SELF- GOVERNMENT
-	2:00PM	BREAK	
11	2:15PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) Legal	PRESIDENT SECRETARY EKEBERG LEGAL COUNSEL
-	4:15PM	BREAK	
11	4:30PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) b.) Legal	LEGAL COUNSEL
12	5:35PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
13	5:45PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
14	5:55PM	CLOSING PRAYER	NORMA SPICER
15	6:00PM	ADJOURNMENT **Motion Required**	CHAIR

1.) Administrative assistance will be on site from 9:00 am to 9:30 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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ROOM:	Palisades & Logan Ballroom

Attendance – October 16, 2025

P = Present		V= Virtual	A= Absent	✓		
Executive Representative(s):			P	V	A	
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

9:32AM The Chair called the October 16, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:32AM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

9:35AM **MOTION #20251016-1:**

Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the October 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.

Seconded by: Representative Daryll Campbell

Amendment to agenda items, as follows:

- Agenda item #8(a) Reconsideration: MOTION #20250813-25 to be heard In-Camera as item #11(d)i.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – Meeting Minutes

9:37AM **MOTION #20251016-2:**

Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the September 18, 2025 Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as presented.

Seconded by:

Request from Representative Shannon Dunfield and Secretary Karen Collins to amend language and notes section of MOTION #20250918-1.

9:42AM The item stood down for further clarification.

Agenda Item #5 – President's Welcome

9:42AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.



Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

9:52AM The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's Report.

9:55AM **MOTION#20251016-3:**

Moved by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the October 16, 2025 Chair's Report, be approved as amended.

Seconded by: Representative Joseph Tremblay

Amendment to Chair's Report, as follows:

- Amendment to the Agenda item wording, in respect to Representative Shannon Dunfield's Request.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #7 – Citizens' Gathering

a.) 2026 Citizens' Gathering Dates & Territory

9:56AM The Chair invited Taylor Masters Event Manager to present onto the floor the 2026 Citizens' Gathering Dates & Territory.

10:00AM **MOTION #20251016-4:**

Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed dates for the 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering be approved as August 20-23, 2026.

Be it further resolved by the Citizens' Council that the 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering be held within the Lesser Slave Lake Territory.

Seconded by: Secretary Grant Lacombe

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus



b.) Update Citizens' Gathering Fuel Card Distribution Discussion

10:05AM

MOTION #20251016-5:

Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Citizens' Gathering Fuel Card Distribution Discussion Briefing Note is accepted for information as presented.

Be it further resolved that Administration is directed to update the Citizens' Gathering Fuel Card Guidelines for the 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering and present the revised guidelines to Citizens' Council for approval.

Seconded by:

The Chair proposed an amendment to the motion to remove the wording "for information as presented," noting that the item is for decision.

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

Result: *Amendment Accepted*

MOTION #20251016-5:

Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Citizens' Gathering Fuel Card Distribution Discussion Briefing Note is accepted.

Be it further resolved that Administration is directed to update the Citizens' Gathering Fuel Card Guidelines for the 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering and present the revised guidelines to Citizens' Council for approval.

Seconded by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

Questions to Report

Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) Report on 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering

10:12AM

The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's Report on the 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering.

11:18AM

The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.



11:37AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

12:20PM **MOTION #20251016-6:**
Moved by: Representative Jason Chernow
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that, beginning with the November 2025 Citizens' Council meeting, the recorded votes of each Representative shall be included in the minutes for all motions not carried by consensus.
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:38PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

12:38PM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered the blessing of the meal.

1:46PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

2:26PM **MOTION #20251016-7:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Citizens' Gathering Proposals 3,4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14 from the 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering is referred to the Senior Executive Officer for Administration review and response based on Citizens' Council's discussions.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:27PM **MOTION #20251016-8:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Citizens' Gathering Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 from the 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering is referred to a future Citizens' Council Agenda for deliberation based on Citizens' Council discussion.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



Discussion was had by Citizens' Council regarding concerns on Citizens' Proposal #9¹

Action Item #1: President Andrea Sandmaier to follow up with the mover regarding the discussion had by Citizens' Council.

Agenda Item #8 – Representative Business

a.) BN: Government of Alberta – Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Cultural Stream

2:28PM

MOTION #20251016-9:

Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins

Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council supports the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's application to the Government of Alberta, Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative – Cultural Stream to support the hosting of a caregiver conference in the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year and further endorses the President of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and Director of Children and Family Services to advance our application, including any technical or administrative edits as may be required.

Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #9 – Secretary Reports

a.) Health, Wellbeing & Seniors Report

2:28PM

Chair invited Secretary Kaila Mitchell to present onto the floor the Health, Wellbeing & Seniors Report.

2:30PM

MOTION #20251016-10:

Moved by: Representative Jason Chernow

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Health Portfolio update be accepted for information as presented.

Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

¹ See Appendix 1 – *Citizens' Proposals from the 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering*, which provides a reference chart prepared using the Citizens' Proposals as recorded in the Draft 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering Meeting Minutes.



2:30PM Due to presenter availability, Agenda Items 4 and 10 will be tabled and addressed following In-Camera Items b, c, and f.

Agenda Item #11 – In-Camera Item(s)

2:31PM **MOTION #20251016-11:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Undebatable

3:28PM **MOTION #20251016-12:**
Moved by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Undebatable

3:28PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

3:49PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #4 – Meeting Minutes

3:50PM **MOTION #20251016-2:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the September 18, 2025 Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – OMG Administration Report(s) a.) i.) Kahsketakhk Council Development–October 2025 Update



3:51PM The Chair invited Lina Chhom, Self-Government Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the Kahsketakhk Council Development–October 2025 Update.

3:52PM **MOTION #20251016-13:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the update on the Kahsketakhk Council Development – October 2025 be accepted for information.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions to Report.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – In-Camera Item(s) Cont.

3:52PM **MOTION #20251016-14:**
Moved by: Secretary Grant Lacombe
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Jason Chernow

Undebatable

6:24PM **MOTION #20251016-15:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Undebatable

6:24PM **MOTION #20251016-16:**
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Agenda Items 11(d), 11(d)(i), 11(e), 11(g), and 11(i) be tabled to the next Citizens' Council meeting.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #12 – Key Messages

6:25PM The Chair invited Erin Bilawchuk, Director of Communications and Citizen Engagement, and Nicole Sparrow, from the Strategic Governance team, to read onto the floor key messages from the October 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.

Agenda Item #14 – President's Closing Remarks

6:31PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #15 – Closing Prayer

6:35PM The Chair invited Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer to deliver a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment

6:37PM **MOTION TO AJOURN:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
The Chair declared the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for November 14, 2025.



Tracked Motions

20251016-1	20251016-2	20251016-3	20251016-4
20251016-5	20251016-6	20251016-7	20251016-8
20251016-9	20251016-10	20251016-11	20251016-12
20251016-13	20251016-14	20251016-15	20251016-16



Citizens' Proposals from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering *	
No.	Proposals
1	PROPOSAL #1 MOTION #20250823-01 Moved by: Esther Auger That the Citizens' Council consider establishing guidelines for proper Métis protocol to be drafted and used within the Otipemisiwak Métis Government office and all Otipemisiwak Métis Government employees including affiliates to undertake training and use it in practice when consulting with Métis Knowledge Keepers, cultural leaders, and Elders, so they may learn how to properly address and treat our esteemed Citizens. Seconded by: Barb Emmerich Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i>
2	PROPOSAL #2 MOTION #20250823-02 Moved by: Troy Stooke That the Citizens' Council consider directing resources regarding funding or communication that's needed to ensure that the monument's expansion is completed by November 1, 2026, in order that veterans, first responders, and families can celebrate this effort on Indigenous Veterans' Day on November 8, 2026. Seconded by: Karen Wilson Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i>
3	PROPOSAL #3 MOTION #20250823-03 Moved by: Jocelyn Lamothe That the Citizens' Council consider building a diverse inventory of Metis art and promote the art and artists through the kisihtoskatonaw Otipemisiwak Métis Government Artists collective. Seconded by: Suzanne Cunningham Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i>
4	PROPOSAL #4 MOTION #20250823-04 Moved by: Norman Wanotch That the Citizens' Council consider implementing legislative and policy requirements that would ensure that Métis Citizens are prioritized, supported, and given preference for employment, leadership, and decision-making roles within our government and in its Institutions wherever possible. Seconded by: Joseph René de Meulles Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i>

5	<p>PROPOSAL #5 MOTION #20250823-05 Moved by: Cameron (Aaliya) Bouvier That the Citizens' Council consider to create a specific Two-spirit representative role in our Métis government. Seconded by: Giorgianna Leddy Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i></p>
6	<p>PROPOSAL #6 MOTION #20250823-06 Moved by: Ben Howse That Citizens' Council consider and begin the necessary work to take the draft of the Métis Nation of Alberta Fish and Wildlife and Resource Management Act, and further, begin the process to enact this as legislation. Seconded by: Cindy Ladouceur Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i></p>
7	<p>PROPOSAL #7 MOTION #20250823-07 Moved by: Ben Howse That Citizens' Council consider the work to begin to put a harvester's council back in our agreement. Seconded by: Cindy Ladouceur Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i></p>
10	<p>PROPOSAL #10 MOTION #20250823-10 Moved by: Cameron Bouvier That the Citizens' Council consider establishing and implementing a process to publicly share Citizen Council's voting records on all motions. Seconded by: Bailey Oster Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i></p>
11	<p>PROPOSAL #11 MOTION #20250823-11 Moved by: Shane Combs That the Citizens' Council consider that prior to engaging with any program, event, consultation or services within a district that the respective departments of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government or Métis Nation of Alberta or its affiliates establish a clear communication and work in partnership with the districts to deliver the programs, events, consultation or services by way of written and mandate the protocol that it utilizes with each department. Seconded by: Barb Emmerich Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i></p>

12	PROPOSAL #12 MOTION #20250823-12 Moved by: Wayne Kosik That the Citizens' Council consider preparing a more comprehensive financial support strategy that includes a subsidization program that considers travel distance to help more Citizens travel to the Métis Crossing to attend the Annual General Meeting. Seconded by: Allen Boucher Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i>
13	PROPOSAL #13 MOTION #20250823-13 Moved by: Grant Britton That Citizens' Council consider creating a commission to identify amendments to the Métis Constitution ahead of the three-year deadline that we have to fine-tune the elements that need to be addressed and reinforce and strengthen our Constitution. Seconded by: Rhonda Baglot Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i>
14	PROPOSAL #14 MOTION #20250823-14 Moved by: Audrey Poitras That Citizens' Council and the Métis Crossing Board to look at all options to deal with hosting the next Citizens' Gathering here in 2027 with options for all the concerns brought forward by the Citizens at this Gathering. Seconded by: Trevor Ward Result: <i>Carried by Consensus</i>

Dismissed Proposals	
No.	Proposal
8	PROPOSAL #8 MOTION #20250823-08 Moved by: Barbara Emmerich That the Citizens' Council consider amending the <i>Self-Government Act</i> to remove the requirement that the Annual Citizens' Gathering be held at Métis Crossing every second year. Seconded by: Shane Combs Result: <i>Withdrawn at 5:39 PM</i>
9	PROPOSAL #9 MOTION #20250823-09 Moved by: Bryan Fayant That the Citizens' Council consider amending the <i>Self-Government Act</i> to remove the provision of allowing Otipemisiwak Métis Government employees to be appointed as Chair. Seconded by: Allen Boucher Result: <i>The motion was defeated 6:32 PM</i>

* The information in this chart is sourced from the *DRAFT Annual Citizens' Gathering Meeting Minutes*. A full record can be accessed on the Métis Nation of Alberta YouTube page.