



ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA			
DATE:	December 10, 2025 - 9:30AM		
LOCATION:	The DoubleTree West, 109 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5P 4K8		
ROOM:	Palisades & Logan Ballroom		
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	10:00AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
5	10:15AM	MEETING MINUTES a.) Draft Citizens' Council Meeting – November 14, 2025 **Motion Required**	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
6	10:25AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – October 16, 2025* & November 14, 2025 b.) Agenda Request(s) <i>*Unfinished Business*</i> **Motion Required**	CHAIR
7	10:30AM	CITIZENS' GATHERING a.) Revised Chair's Report on 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering* <i>*Unfinished Business*</i> **Motion Required**	CHAIR
8	10:35AM	UNFINISHED BUSINESS a.) Citizens' Proposal #9 Discussion <i>*Unfinished Business*</i>	PRESIDENT
-	11:00AM	BREAK	
9	11:15AM	OFFICER REPORT(S) a.) 2025 Early Fall District Elections Chief Electoral Officer Report	DEL GRAFF

10	11:30AM	SECRETARY REPORTS a.) Intergovernmental Relations Update* <i>*Unfinished Business*</i> **Motion Required**	PRESIDENT
11	11:45AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. Transition Report – November 14, 2025* & December 10, 2025 <i>*Unfinished Business*</i> **Motion Required**	SELF- GOVERNMENT
-	12:00PM	LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE	
12	1:00PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) Legal b.) Personnel	LEGAL COUNSEL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
-	1:45PM	BREAK	
12	2:00PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) CONT. c.) Legal	SELF- GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT
13	4:15PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
14	4:20PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
15	4:25PM	CLOSING PRAYER	NORMA SPICER
16	4:30PM	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.



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Attendance – December 10, 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		✓ (PM)	✓ (AM)	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	Lindsay Henderson	✓		
Senior Executive Officer	Aaron Barner	✓		
Acting Chair	Tyler Fetch	✓		



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

9:33AM The Chair called the December 10, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:33AM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

9:35AM **MOTION #20251210-1:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the agenda for the December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended and that the Chair is directed to apply the time allocations set within this agenda to the best of their ability.

Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Result: Consensus not found, vote conducted

In favour: Secretary Sarah Wolfe, Secretary Joe Chodzicki, Secretary Lisa Wolfe, Secretary Nelson Lussier, Secretary Kaila Mitchell, Secretary Aura Leddy, Secretary Grant Lacombe, Representative Alfred L'Hirondelle, Representative Darryl Campbell

Opposed: Secretary Barry Dibb, Representative Jason Chernow, Representative Shannon Dunfield, Representative Trevor Ward, Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook, Representative Cindy Moore, Secretary Brooke Bramfield, Representative Catherine Schnell

Abstained: Secretary Jason Ekeberg, Representative Judy Ann Cardinal

Discussion

Amendments to Agenda as follows:

- Added Item 12 a.) TC Energy Consultation (15 minutes) and shifted other 4 items to b,c,d,e respectively
- Added Item 12 f.) Privacy Act Update (10 minutes)

Result: Motion passed by majority vote



9:55AM

ss. 59(2) Question of Order | Representative Jason Chernow:

Representative Chernow asks if the Judicial Tribunal can conduct a review to see if Motion #20251210-1 puts Citizens' Council in violation of our Constitutional obligations.

Chair Ruling: The Chair determined the matter was not a Question of Order and clarified that Representative Chernow may refer the matter to the Judicial Tribunal independently.

Agenda Item #4 – President's Welcome

9:56 AM

President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

Agenda Item #5 – Meeting Minutes

10:03AM

MOTION #20251210-2:

Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the November 13, 2025, Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as presented.

Seconded by: Representative Jason Chernow

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

10:06AM

The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's Report.

10:08AM

MOTION #20251210-3:

Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the November 14 and December 10, 2025 Chair's Report, be approved as amended.

Seconded by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook

Questions from the floor

Action Item #1: Chair to include target dates for upcoming training sessions in future Chair's Reports.

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #7 – Citizens' Gathering

a.) Revised Chair's Report on 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering

10:08AM The Chair read onto the floor the Revised Chair's Report on 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering.

MOTION #20251210-4:

Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chair's Report on the 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering be accepted for information as amended.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No debate

Action Item #2: Chair to include the names of the movers and seconders of the defeated and dismissed proposals in the revised Chair's Report on the Citizens' Gathering.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

a.) Citizen's Proposal #9 Discussion

10:14 AM The Chair invited President Sandmaier to present onto the floor an update on Citizens' Proposal #9 Discussion¹.

Questions from the floor

Agenda Item #10 – Secretary Reports

a.) Intergovernmental Relations Update

10:21AM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier and Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Tyler Fetch, to present onto the floor the Intergovernmental Relations portfolio update.

¹ See Appendix 1 – *Citizens' Proposal #9 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering*, which provides a reference chart prepared using the Citizens' Proposal as recorded in the Draft 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering Meeting Minutes.



- 10:29AM **MOTION #20251210-5:**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Intergovernmental Relations Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

10:30AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

10:55AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #9 – Officer Report(s)

a.) 2025 Early Fall District Elections Chief Electoral Officer Report

10:55AM The Chair invited Chief Electoral Officer Del Graff to present onto the floor the 2025 Early Fall District Elections Chief Electoral Officer Report.

- 11:10AM **MOTION #20251210-6:**
Moved by: Secretary Barry Dibb
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the 2025 Early Fall District Elections Chief Electoral Officer Report, as received by the Chair on December 3, 2025, is accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) Self-Government Department

i.) Transition Report – November 14, 2025 & December 10, 2025*

11:16AM The Chair invited Transition Manager Nicole Shepherd to present onto the floor the Transition Reports for November 14, 2025, and December 10, 2025.



- 11:25AM **MOTION #20251210-7:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Transition Reports for November 14, 2025, and December 10, 2025, are accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

- 11:25AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.
- 11:26AM Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer delivered the blessing of the meal.
- 1:08PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #12 – In-Camera Item(s)

- 1:09PM **MOTION #20251210-8:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Undebatable

The Chair read the Declaration of Confidentiality to virtual attendees and confirmed they were in a private and secure space.

- 2:04PM **MOTION #20251210-9:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

Undebatable

- 2:04PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.
- 2:29PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.



2:29PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20251210-10**
Moved by: Representative Jason Chernow

WHEREAS:

A. Citizens in each District have a right to a District Council based on the Constitution. As of December 2025, almost 70% of the 22 District Councils contemplated under the Constitution have been established.

B. As required under Chapter 31.3 of the Constitution, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government has put in place a Transition Plan to address “the rights, titles, interests, assets, obligations, and liabilities” of the Métis Nation within Alberta Association Local Councils (the “**MNA Local Councils**”) that choose to transition to District Councils. MNA Local Councils are not part of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and do not have constitutional authorities and responsibilities as set out in the Constitution.

C. In accordance with Section 15(2) of the *District Councils Act*, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Chief Electoral Officer must hold an election for a District Council “as soon as practicable following the receipt of a petition calling for an election of a District Captain signed by a minimum of ten percent (10%) but not more than 100 of the eligible Citizens of the District.”

D. Pursuant to the Constitution, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government is “authorized to advance and address all rights, interests and claims of the Métis Nation within Alberta”. With regard to consultation, this authorization is shared between District Councils and Citizens’ Council as follows:

- a. District Councils have the “authority and responsibility” for “the conduct of consultation and accommodation with the Crown, industry, and other Indigenous groups on behalf of the Citizens residing in the District regarding their rights, claims, and interests”; and
- b. Citizens’ Council has the “authority and responsibility” for “all matters not assigned to the District Councils related to the good governance of the Métis Nation within Alberta and the advancement and protection of Métis lands, rights, interests, and claims.”

E. Under Chapter 15.9 of the Constitution, “[w]here no District Council has been established for a District ... the Citizens’ Council is authorized and responsible for that District in relation to those matters for which the District Council has assumed authority and responsibility.” This includes “consultation and accommodation with the Crown, industry, and other Indigenous groups on behalf of the Citizens residing in the District regarding the rights, claims, and interests”.

F. TC Energy, through NGTL Limited Partnership, has agreed to enter into a Letter of Agreement and a Traditional Knowledge Study Funding agreement with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (the “**TC Energy Agreements**”), in order to facilitate consultation on TC Energy’s plan of multiple potential facilities on its NGTL System in Alberta along the Grande Prairie Mainline, including pipeline section loops and compressor station unit additions (the “**Project**”).



G. The District Council for the Grande Prairie Métis District has not yet been established. However, Local Council #1990 of Grande Prairie and Local #1929 (Valleyview) (the “Locals”) are actively participating in transition to amalgamate and form the District Council.

H. The Locals are seeking to enter into a time-limited and project-specific funding agreement with Citizens' Council to establish funding under the TC Energy Agreements to flow to the Locals to support their participation in consultation on behalf of the Citizens residing in the Grande Prairie Métis District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Within Districts where:

- a. the existing MNA Local Council(s) remain actively engaged in transition;
- b. delays in transitioning have been for legitimate reasons;
- c. transition is soon to be complete; and
- d. a petition to establish a District Council has not been received,

Citizens' Council is willing to enter into time-limited, case-by-case, and project-by-project agreements with transitioning MNA Local Councils to ensure Citizens and Métis Communities are able to engage in consultation to protect their rights, claims, and interests.

2. In order to ensure the Citizens residing in the Grande Prairie Métis District are able to engage in consultation to protect their rights, claims, and interests, Citizens' Council approves the President and Senior Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the Locals in the form set out in the Appendix, subject to technical amendments.

3. Citizens' Council will exercise its authority and responsibility under Chapter 15.9 of the Constitution to approve entering into this agreement for the following reasons:

- a. The Locals are actively engaged in transition and it is anticipated that the Otipemisiwak Métis Government – District Council of Grande Prairie Métis District (the “**District Council**”) will be established before May 31, 2026.
- b. As part of their demonstrated commitment to implementing the Transition Plan, under which the Locals will amalgamate to form the District Council:
 - i. Local #1990 passed motions that, upon establishment of the District Council, would: (1) appoint Tracy Brown as Interim District Captain of the District Council (January 16, 2024) and (2) appoint three members of Local #1990 as on half of the Interim District Council (March 31, 2024).
 - ii. Local #1929 passed motions that, upon establishment of the District Council, would: (1) appoint Tracy Brown as Interim District Captain of the District Council



(date), and (2) appoint three members of Local #1929 as one half of the Interim District Council (date).

c. The Locals' delay in transition to a District Council flow from the uniqueness of the amalgamation of the Locals, along with specific considerations related to the property and interests of each Local.

d. No petition has been received to establish a District Council in the Grande Prairie Métis District.

e. This Agreement is time-limited and will end upon the District Council being established or on May 31, 2026, whichever is sooner, or unless an extension of the agreement is agreed to in writing by the Parties and further approved by Citizens' Council.

4. Citizens' Council hereby delegates the administration of the agreement to, including the activities set out in paragraphs 6 to 10 as set out in the Appendix, to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Consultation Department.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No debate

Representative Shannon Dunfield declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting, in compliance with Section 21(1) of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Code of Ethics Act.

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:35PM

MOTION #20251210-11:

Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Transition Update presented by Legal Counsel be accepted for information.

Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



2:36PM

MOTION #20251210-12:

Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council subject to their acceptance and completion of contract negotiations by the Senior Executive Officer or their designate within the terms directed by Council, that Nicole Latour be appointed to the role of the Chief Electoral Officer for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the remainder of the current term, ending within twelve (12) months following the 2027 Otipemisiwak Métis Government General Election, as set out in Section 19 of the *Elections and Referenda Act*.

Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

2:36PM

Representative Jason Chernow proposed a friendly amendment to both Motion #20251210-12 and #20251210-13 to add "following the 2027 Otipemisiwak Métis Government Election"

2:37PM

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

Result: *Friendly Amendment Accepted*

No debate

Secretary Grant Lacombe declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting, in compliance with Section 21(1) of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Code of Ethics Act.

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:38PM

MOTION #20251210-13:

Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that, should the appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer at the December 10, 2025 Citizens' Council meeting be rejected or otherwise fail to come to fruition by December 31, 2025, that the Senior Executive Officer is directed to undertake negotiations with the secondary candidate identified by Citizens' Council, under the same conditions as directed by Council, and upon completion of such negotiations, the secondary candidate shall be deemed appointed by Citizens' Council to the role of Chief Electoral Officer for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the remainder of the current term, ending within twelve (12) months following the 2027 Otipemisiwak Métis government General Election, as set out in Section 19 of the *Elections and Referenda Act*.

Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki



2:39PM The Chair recommended a friendly amendment to both Motion #20251210-12 and #20251210-13 to change the wording from “of” to “following” after “ending within twelve (12) months” and called on the mover and seconder to confirm acceptance of the friendly amendment.

Result: *Friendly Amendment Accepted*

No debate

Secretary Grant Lacombe declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting, in compliance with Section 21(1) of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Code of Ethics Act.

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:42PM **MOTION #20251210-14:**
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that an update regarding the MNC Litigation be added to the December 10, 2025, Citizens' Council agenda as item 12 g.).

Further Amendment to Agenda as follows:

- Added Item 12 g.) MNC Litigation Update

Seconded by: Representative Jason Chernow

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

2:45PM **MOTION #20251210-15:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

Undebatable

4:43PM **MOTION #20251210-16:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Undebatable



4:44PM

MOTION #20251210-17:

Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the appointment of the kahsketakihk council members will strive to reflect the diversity of the Métis Nation within Alberta, including but not limited to gender, Two-Spirit identity, and rural and urban background and be reflected in the nomination guidelines.

Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

4:44PM

MOTION #20251210-18:

Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Administration is directed to develop a regulation governing the appointment and operation of a council made up of Elders or Knowledge Keepers under Part VI of the *Self-Government Act*, for Cabinet approval.

Seconded by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

4:45PM

ss. 59(2) Question of Order | Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook:

Representative Paul-Alook asked what aspects of operation will be included in the regulation.

4:45PM

Chair Ruling: The Chair rules the question out of order as the information does not exist and is not producible.

Result: *Consensus Failed, Item tabled to future meeting of the Citizens' Council*

4:46PM

MOTION #20251210-19:

Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that kahsketakihk Nomination Process Option 1 is adopted in principle as presented, subject to necessary modifications.

Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus



Agenda Item #13 – Key Messages

- 4:47PM The Chair invited Nicole Sparrow, Director of Strategic Governance, and Erin Bilawchuk, Director of Communications, to read onto the floor key messages from the December 10, 2025, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.

Agenda Item #14 – President's Closing Remarks

- 4:51PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #15 – Closing Prayer

- 4:56PM The Chair invited Knowledge Keeper Norma Spicer to deliver a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment

- 4:58PM 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

20251210-1	20251210-2	20251210-3	20251210-4
20251210-5	20251210-6	20251210-7	20251210-8
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20251210-17	20251210-18	20251210-19	



Citizens’ Proposal #9 from 2025 Annual Citizens’ Gathering *	
No.	Proposal
9	<p>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></p>

* 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.