ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA

DATE:	March 19, 2026 – 10:00AM
LOCATION:	Wyndham Edmonton Hotel and Conference Centre 4440 Gateway Blvd NW, Edmonton, AB T6H 5C2
ROOM:	Imperial Ballroom

ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	9:30AM	ONSITE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	ADMINISTRATION
1	**10:00AM**	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	10:00AM	OPENING PRAYER	GRANDMOTHER BEATRICE DEMETRIUS
3	10:05AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA ***Motion Required***	CHAIR
4	10:10AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
5	10:20AM	MEETING MINUTES a.) Draft Citizens' Council Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2026 ***Motion Required***	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
6	10:40AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – February 19, 2026 b.) Agenda Request(s) ***Motion Required***	CHAIR
-	11:00AM	***BREAK***	
7	11:15AM	CITIZENS' PROPOSALS a.) SEO Citizens' Proposals Update b.) Citizens' Proposal #2: Veterans' Memorial	SEO INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
8	11:45AM	OFFICER REPORTS a.) Quarterly Ombudsman Report ***Motion Required***	OMBUDSMAN SEC. SARAH WOLFE
-	12:00PM	***LUNCH PROVIDED ON SITE***	

9	1:00PM	REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS a.) Proposed Revised Annual Citizens' Gathering Gas Card Guidelines ***Motion Required*** b.) Discussion: District-Allocated Citizen Accommodations for the Annual Citizens' Gathering	EVENTS MANAGER
10	1:30PM	SECRETARY REPORTS a.) Economic and Rural Development Portfolio Report ***Motion Required***	SECRETARY DIBB
11	1:45PM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. Self-Government Update – March 19, 2026 ii. Transition Report – March 19, 2026 ***Motion Required***	SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	2:00PM	***BREAK***	
12	2:15PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) Personnel Matter* b.) 2026/2027 Proposed Budget Update c.) Approval of District Bylaws d.) Judicial Tribunal Remuneration Review e.) Kahsketakihk i. Development of Kahsketakihk Constituting Instrument(s) f.) Contractor Related Matter **Unfinished Business**	HUMAN RESOURCES FINANCE LEGAL COUNSEL SEO SELF-GOVERNMENT
13	3:45PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
14	4:00PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
15	4:10PM	CLOSING PRAYER	GRANDMOTHER BEATRICE DEMETRIUS
16	4:15PM	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.

Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Citizens' Council

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Attendance – March 19, 2026

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 Gabrielle Blatz	✓		

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

10:00AM The Chair called the March 19, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

10:00AM Grandmother Beatrice Demetirus delivered an opening prayer.

10:01AM The Chair invited Secretary Lisa Wolfe to make a presentation.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

10:03AM **MOTION #20260319-1:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Agenda for the March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

No debate

Amendments to the Agenda, as follows:
- Added Item 12(f): Contractor related matter

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – President's Welcome

10:04AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

10:16AM **MOTION #20260319-2:**
Moved by: Representative Gabrielle Blatz
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the President's Welcome Address be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #5 – Meeting Minutes

10:17AM **MOTION #20260319-3:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the February 19, 2026, Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as amended.
Seconded by:

Questions from the floor

Action item #1: Administration to share the decision of the Judicial Tribunal, regarding the question of the Clerk of the Judicial Tribunal providing support to the role of the Clerk of the Citizens' Council[1], with Citizens' Council.

10:21AM Motion stood down

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meeting – February 19, 2026

10:24AM The Chair read onto the floor the Chair's Report.

b.) Agenda Request(s)

10:26AM **MOTION #20260319-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the March 19, 2026, Chair's Report, be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #7 – Citizens' Proposals

a.) SEO Citizens' Proposals Update

10:26AM The Chair invited Aaron Barner, Senior Executive Officer, to present onto the floor an update on Citizens' Proposals.

[1] See Appendix 1 - *Otipemisiwak Métis Government's Judicial Tribunal's Decision 2025-05,* which is the decision referred to in this action item.

10:30AM **MOTION #20260319-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Senior Executive Officer's Citizens' Proposals Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Citizens' Proposal #2: Veteran's Memorial

10:31AM The Chair invited Tyler Fetch, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, to present onto the floor an update on Citizens' Proposal #2: Veteran's Memorial[2].

MOTION #20260319-6:
Moved by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Director of Intergovernmental Relations Citizens' Proposal #2 Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #8 – Officer Reports

a.) Quarterly Ombudsman Report

10:37AM The Chair invited Phil Werth, Ombudsman, to present onto the floor the Quarterly Ombudsman Report.

Questions from the floor

10:59AM ***ss. 59(2) Question of Order #1 | Secretary Sarah Wolfe***: Secretary Wolfe asked whether the discussion should be moved in camera.

Chair Ruling: The Chair determined that the session should be moved in camera and called for a motion.

[2] See Appendix 2 – *Citizens' Proposal #2 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.

10:59AM **MOTION #20260319-7:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Undebatable

Result: Consensus not found, vote conducted

In favour: Representative Joseph Tremblay, Representative Catherine Schnell, Representative Trevor Ward, Secretary Barry Dibb, Secretary Lisa Wolfe, Secretary Aura Leddy, Secretary Sarah Wolfe, Secretary Jason Ekeberg, Secretary Joe Chodzicki, Representative Gabrielle Blatz, Secretary Nelson Lussier, Secretary Kaila Mitchell, Secretary Rebecca Lavallee, Representative Cindy Moore, Representative Darryl Campbell, Representative Jason Chernow, Representative Judy Ann Cardinal

Opposed: Representative Alfred L'Hirondelle, Representative Shannon Dunfield, Secretary Grant Lacombe, Secretary Brooke Bramfield, Secretary Valerie Quintal, Secretary Karen Collins, Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook

Abstained: President Andrea Sandmaier (per section 48(2) of the Self-Government Act)

Result: Motion passed by majority vote

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

11:02AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

11:15AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera*).

11:40AM **MOTION #20260319-8:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Undebatable

11:40AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:46AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

11:48AM ***ss. 59(2) Question of Order #2 | Secretary Aura Leddy***: Secretary Leddy asked whether the discussion should be moved in camera.

Chair Ruling: The Chair determined that the session should be moved in camera and called for a motion.

11:48AM **MOTION #20260319-9:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Undebatable

11:48AM **Result:** Consensus not found

Questions from the floor continued

11:52AM **Point of Order:** Secretary Karen Collins stated that there was currently a motion on the floor and that a ruling by the Chair needed to be issued.

11:54AM **Chair Ruling:** After determination that there was no consensus and that the matter being discussed was spoken to in public, the Chair determined that the session did not need to be moved in camera and declared that the motion failed.

Result: Motion failed

11:57PM **MOTION #20260319-10:**
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council refer the Ombudsman Act for review, specifically Section 10 of the Ombudsman Act, so that it complies with the Constitution.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions from the floor

12:01PM ***ss. 59(2) Question of Order #3 | Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook***: Representative Paul-Alook asked for clarification on the Ombudsman's report, specifically on an Elected Official's role with the Ombudsman.

Chair Ruling- The Chair stated there would not be any further details or examples on this matter provided in the public session, and that the question would be referred to legal.

12:04PM **Point of Order:** Secretary Karen Collins stated that there was currently a motion on the floor and called question on the motion.

Questions from the floor continued

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:13PM **MOTION #20260319-11:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the November 2024 Resolution and Briefing Note titled "Legislative Proposal regarding Comprehensive Review of Otipemisiwak Métis Government Laws and Regulations" be brought back to Citizens' Council at the next meeting for review and direction.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:15PM **MOTION #20260319-12:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Quarterly Ombudsman Report be accepted for information as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Questions from the floor

Amendments to report as follows:
-Ombudsman to remove incorrect information in report

Result: Carried by Consensus

12:15PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess for lunch.

12:16PM Grandmother Beatrice Demetrius delivered the blessing of the meal.

1:30PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #5 – Meeting Minutes

1:30PM **MOTION #20260319-13:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the February 19, 2026, Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Representative Gabrielle Blatz

Questions from the floor

Amendments to the minutes as follows:
- On Page 1, Attendance amended to reflect Judy-Ann Cardinal's attendance virtually
- Agenda Item #5 on February Minutes amended to read: "Page 12 – Question of Order – the question of order is amended to replace "Representative Paul-Alook requested information regarding decisions on the operation of the council that would be part of the regulation" with "Representative Paul-Alook asked what aspects of operation will be included in the regulation" and December Minutes updated to match and correct that error.
- On Page 9, under MOTION#20260219-18, Abstentions changed to read "President Andrea Sandmaier (per Section 48(2) of the Self-Government Act)"

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #9 – Representative Business

a.) Proposed Revised Annual Citizens' Gathering Gas Card Guidelines

1:37PM The Chair invited Taylor Masters, Events Manager, to present onto the floor the Proposed Revised Annual Citizens' Gathering Gas Card Guidelines.

2:05PM **MOTION #20260319-14:**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the proposed changes to the Annual Citizens' Gathering Gas Card Guidelines be referred back to administration for a further review and a cost analysis.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Discussion: District-Allocated Citizen Accommodations for the Annual Citizens' Gathering

2:05PM The Chair invited Taylor Masters, Events Manager, to present onto the floor the discussion regarding District-Allocated Citizen Accommodations for the 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering.

Action Item #2: Events Manager directed to share additional information regarding campsites around Slave Lake with Council.

Agenda Item #10 – Secretary Reports

a.) Economic and Rural Development Portfolio Report

2:10PM The Chair invited Barry Dibb, Secretary of Economic and Rural Development, to present onto the floor the Report on Economic and Rural Development.

2:33PM **MOTION #20260319-15:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Economic and Rural Development Portfolio update be referred back to administration for review so that it can be brought to Council next month for discussion.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) Self-Government Department

i.) Self-Government Update – March 19, 2026

2:34PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier, portfolio holder of Self-Government, to present onto the floor the Self-Government Update for March 19, 2026.

2:50PM **MOTION #20260319-16:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Self-Government Update on the Canada-Alberta Memorandum of Understanding & draft Co-operation Agreement on Environmental and Impact Assessment is hereby accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

ii.) Transition Report – March 19, 2026

2:53PM The Chair invited Nicole Shepherd, Transition Manager, to present onto the floor the Transition Report for March 19, 2026.

3:03PM **MOTION #20260319-17:**
Moved by: Representative Trevor Ward
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Transition Report for March 19, 2026, be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

3:04PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

3:23PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #12 – In-Camera Item(s)

3:23PM **MOTION #20260319-18:**
Moved by: Representative Gabrielle Blatz
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Undebatable

3:41PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

3:44PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera).*

Agenda Item #15 – Closing Prayer

5:23PM The Chair invited Grandmother Beatrice Demetrius to deliver a closing prayer (*in-camera*).

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

5:24PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

5:34PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera)*.

6:24PM **MOTION #20260319-19:**
Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Undebatable

6:24PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

6:35PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

6:36PM **MOTION #20260319-21**
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the resignation of the Chief Electoral Officer be accepted, effective April 1, 2026.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

6:36PM **MOTION #20260319-22**
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by Citizens' Council to direct Human Resources to undertake the recruitment process for a new Chief Electoral Officer as discussed.
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

6:37PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20260319-23**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins

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 August 2023, draft template District Council bylaws were presented to the 95th MNA Annual General Assembly, which were approved by the MNA's Provincial Council on September 5, 2023 ("**2023 Model Bylaws**"), and were subsequently adopted by resolution of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (the "**Citizens' Council**") on November 20, 2023;

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 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 on August 13, 2025, the Citizens' Council adopted a resolution to update the 2023 Model Bylaws (the "**2025 Model Bylaws**");

AND WHEREAS further to that engagement, the District Council Bylaws for the Fort Vermilion Métis District were fully approved by the Citizens' Council on July 10, 2024, and re-approved on April 17, 2025, and Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council #74 (the "**Fort Vermilion MNA Local**") 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 (the "**Fort Vermilion Bylaws**", attached hereto as Annex "A"), and a track changes version of the bylaws highlighting these revisions is attached hereto as Annex "B";

AND WHEREAS further to that engagement, the District Council Bylaws for the Peace River Métis District were approved in-principle by the Citizens' Council on March 18, 2025, and Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council #78 Peace River, Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fairview Local Council, and Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council-Manning 2020 (collectively, the "**Peace River MNA Locals**") have since revised the bylaws previously approved in-principle (the "**Peace River Bylaws**", attached hereto as Annex "C"), and a track changes version of the bylaws highlighting these revisions is attached hereto as Annex "D";

AND WHEREAS further to that engagement, the District Council Bylaws for the Grande Prairie Métis District were approved in-principle by the Citizens' Council on April 17, 2025, and Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council #1990 of Grande Prairie and Local #1929 (Valleyview) of the Métis Association of Alberta (collectively, the "**Grande Prairie MNA Locals**") have since revised the bylaws previously approved in-principle (the "**Grande Prairie Bylaws**", attached hereto as Annex "E"), and a track changes version of the bylaws highlighting these revisions is attached hereto as Annex "F";

AND WHEREAS the Fort Vermilion MNA Local, the Peace River MNA Locals, and the Grande Prairie MNA Locals have expressed concern with the potential for duplicative electoral processes that would result if they adopted Article 6.13 of the 2025 Model Bylaws, and have proposed the following update thereto:

> *"To support an efficient transition process and avoid duplicate elections, the term of a District Councillor elected in the first election for District Council shall be the balance of the term remaining until the next Otipemisiwak Métis Government general election, plus a full four (4) year term."*

AND WHEREAS as a transitionary 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 once this resolution is approved:

(a) the Fort Vermilion MNA Local will work with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's Self-Government Department to:

(i) coordinate and hold a special meeting of its members to pass a special resolution to adopt the Fort Vermilion Bylaws; and

(ii) take all corporate steps required to effect the Fort Vermilion MNA Local's transition to the District Council of the Fort Vermilion Métis District;

(b) the Peace River MNA Locals will work with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's Self-Government Department to:

(i) coordinate and hold a special meeting of the members of Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council #78 Peace River to pass a special resolution to adopt the Peace River Bylaws;

(ii) coordinate and hold special meetings of the members of Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fairview Local Council and Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council-Manning 2020 to pass special resolutions through which they will become local community organizations of the Peace River District Council; and

(iii) take all corporate steps required to effect the Peace River MNA Locals' transition to the District Council of the Peace River Métis District; and

(c) the Grande Prairie MNA Locals will work with the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's Self-Government Department to:

(i) incorporate a new society to function as the Grande Prairie District Council;

(ii) coordinate and hold special meetings of the members of Métis Nation of Alberta Association Local Council #1990 of Grande Prairie and Local #1929 (Valleyview) of the Métis Association of Alberta to pass special resolutions through which they will become local community organizations of the Grande Prairie District Council; and

(iii) take all corporate steps required to effect the Grande Prairie MNA Locals' transition to the District Council of the Grande Prairie Métis District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Approval of Bylaws
1) Notwithstanding any conflict with the 2025 Model Bylaws, including with respect to the term lengths of the District Captains and Councillors elected in the first elections contemplated thereunder, the District Council Bylaws for the Peace River and Grande Prairie Métis Districts, as attached hereto, are approved in accordance with section 10 of the *District Councils Act*.

Re-Approval of Bylaws
2) Notwithstanding any conflict with the 2025 Model Bylaws, including with respect to the term lengths of the District Captains and Councillors elected in the first elections contemplated thereunder, the District Council Bylaws for the Fort Vermilion Métis District, as revised and attached hereto, 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

6:37PM **MOTION #20260319-24**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the report of the Senior Executive Officer on the remuneration rates of the Judicial Tribunal and the request communicated by the Chair of the Tribunal are deemed received *and that the* Judicial Tribunal Remuneration rates be amended for Judicial Tribunal members of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government as follows:

Judicial Tribunal Chair

- Annual retainer of $48,000 per fiscal year, payable in recognition of the ongoing responsibility to review case files, participate in deliberations, attend administrative meetings, and participate in training outside of formal hearing days.
- Honoraria based remuneration rate of $650/day worked up to and including 8 hours on business of the Tribunal for formal hearing days and scheduled meetings of the Tribunal.
- Entitlement to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.

Judicial Tribunal Members

- Annual retainer of $24,000 per fiscal year, payable in recognition of the ongoing responsibility to review case files, participate in deliberations, attend administrative meetings, and participate in training outside of formal hearing days.
- Honoraria based remuneration rate of $470/day worked up to and including 8 hours on business of the Tribunal for formal hearing days and scheduled meetings of the Tribunal.
- Entitlement to travel and expense reimbursement as per existing OMG/MNA Policy.

Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #13 – Key Messages

6:38PM The Chair invited Citizens' Council to read onto the floor key messages from the March 19, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.

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

6:50PM **MOTION #20260319-25**
Moved by: Secretary Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by Citizens' Council that the 2026/2027 Proposed Budget be referred back to administration for review as discussed.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

6:50PM **MOTION #20260319-26**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by Citizens' Council that the development of the Kahsketakihk constituting instruments be referred back to Administration for amendments as discussed.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #14 – President's Closing Remarks

6:51PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks. President Sandmaier invited Breanne Donald, Executive Assistant to the floor to make an announcement.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment

6:55PM 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 until April 2026.

Tracked Motions

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Pursuant to Section 11 of the Live Streaming and Recording Regulation 2025, redactions were made to the March 19, 2026, Citizens' Council audio-visual recording by the Chair in consultation with the Secretary of Records and the President. These redactions are hereby documented and reported, as identified under Schedule A of the Regulation, specifically Sections (a), (c), (e), and (h).

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Judicial Tribunal

DECISION OF THE OTIPEMISIWAK MÉTIS GOVERNMENT JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL

RE: QUESTIONS OF INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (2025-05)

The Applicant, in his capacity as Chair of the Citizens' Council and as Senior Director of the Self-Government Department of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, makes application for an opinion on two questions arising under the *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Self-Government Act* [*Self-Government* Act] and the *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Judicial Branch Act* [*Judicial Branch Act*].

Question 1:

Whether there are any statutory or regulatory conditions that would prevent the Chair from appointing an employee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms for either Citizens' Council meetings or a Citizens' Gathering.

Question 2:

Whether there are any statutory or regulatory conditions that would preclude the Clerk of the Judicial Tribunal from being cross-trained and included in a pool of Clerks tasked with supporting the Citizens' Council, Cabinet, Citizens' Gathering and Committees, provided safeguards are maintained to preserve independence.

Opinion on Question #1

1. The Judicial Tribunal can consider a question of law that has been referred to it by the Citizens' Council, a District Council, or a Citizen, as set out in Section 63 of the *Judicial Branch Act.*

2. Section 13(2) of the *Self-Government Act* provides that the Chair may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to maintain order and security.

3. Section 59(3) of the *Self-Government Act* provides that the Chair may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to enforce and maintain order at a Council meeting or a gathering.

4. There is nothing on the face of the any Otipemisiwak Métis Government legislation that would prevent an employee from being appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. It is currently within the legislated authority of the Chair to appoint an employee as Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Opinion on Question #2

Introduction and Issue

1. This matter concerns whether the Clerk of the Judicial Tribunal ["Clerk"] of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government ["OMG"], referred to in legislation as the Clerk of the Judicial Branch, may be cross-trained to perform additional administrative or operational duties in other branches or institutions of the OMG.

2. The Judicial Tribunal has determined that cross-training is permissible.

Relevant Law

Judicial Branch Act:

3. Section 7 - Clerk of the Judicial Branch:
   7 "The Judicial Branch must employ a clerk who must:
      a. cause to be kept a record of each file in accordance with section 29 of this Act; and
      b. perform any other duties assigned to them by regulation or policy."

Analysis

4. Authority to Assign Additional Duties:

   a. Section 7(b) of the *Judicial Branch Act* expressly authorizes the Clerk to "perform any other duties assigned … by regulation or policy." This language provides broad discretion to determine appropriate functions for the Clerk.

5. Administrative Control and Independence:

   a. Section 8 confirms that the Judicial Branch has the power to "employ or retain persons as considered necessary for the operation and administration" of its functions. This autonomy extends to staffing decisions, provided that judicial independence and confidentiality are preserved.

6. Conflict of Interest Safeguards:

   a. The *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Code of Ethics Act* [*Code of Ethics* Act] imposes a continuing obligation to avoid both actual and perceived conflicts.
   b. If cross-training places the Clerk in a position to access information or exercise discretion in matters that might later come before the Judicial Tribunal, the Clerk must promptly disclose and withdraw from any related activity.

7. Need for Ongoing Review:

    a. The Judicial Tribunal recognizes that as matters before the Tribunal continue to grow and the volume of cases continues to increase, the arrangement permitting cross-training may need to be revisited. At such time, the Clerk may be required to become dedicated solely to Judicial Branch functions.

Opinion

8. Having reviewed the relevant provisions of the *Judicial Branch Act* and the *Code of Ethics Act,* the Judicial Tribunal hereby determines:

    a. The cross-training of the Clerk of the Judicial Branch is authorized under Section 7(b) of the *Judicial Branch Act* as an "other duty assigned … by regulation or policy."
    b. Such authorization is subject to compliance with the provisions in Part III of the *Code of Ethics Act.*
    c. The Clerk must remain vigilant and immediately disclose any situation giving rise to a real or perceived conflict of interest.
    d. The Judicial Branch shall periodically review this cross-training arrangement. Where the case load or administrative complexity requires, the Clerk may be reassigned to exclusive service within the Judicial Branch.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2025

Lionel Chartrand, Chairperson
On behalf of the unanimous panel

Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Citizens' Gathering

Citizens' Proposal #2 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering *	
No.	**Proposal**
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:** *Carried by Consensus*

* 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.