Citizens' Council Meeting – March 18, 2026

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[Chair]
Meeting of the Citizens Council to order. I will ask Grandmother Beatrice to open us with a blessing as is our custom.

[Grandmother Beatrice Demetrius]
Good afternoon. Heavenly Father, we pray to achieve success at this important meeting today. Help us to welcome and value everyone's opinion.

Guide us to listen and learn the experiences of others. Help us live out this value in all that we do. Create in a world where everyone is welcomed and loved.

This is the Métis way. Amen.

[Chair]
Thank you, Grandmother Beatrice. Okay, so there's an agenda before you. It's a single item agenda for this council meeting.

It responds to motion number 20250729-08 from cabinet. Be resolved by cabinet to invite the Constitution Commission to the September Citizens Council meeting to gain a better understanding regarding the spirit and vision by the commission regarding the positions outlined in the Constitution. So it looks like we've rescheduled a few times, but here we are and welcome to everybody.

Given that the agenda is before us, can I get a motion to approve the agenda, please? Secretary Lisa Wolfe moves, seconded by Secretary Leddy. Discussion?

Debate? Any opposition to the motion?

[Secretary Bramfield]
Oh, Mr. Chair.

[Chair]
Secretary Bramfield.

[Secretary Bramfield]
I'm just wondering, it's labeled as Intergovernmental Affairs, but would it be better if it's labeled as Constitution Commission presentation?

[Chair]
Sure, we can adjust that label to Constitution Commission presentation. Anybody really have a problem with that?

[Secretary Bramfield]
Very good.

[Chair]
Mover and seconder, you're fine? Okay. Okay, so no opposition to the motion.

The agenda is adopted. The only matter to be dealt with is to be dealt with in camera. I will note today there's a hard stop.

We must all be out of this room at 4.30 so that they can turn it over for the ceremonies this evening. So keep that in mind during your deliberations. But with that, I will look for a motion to go in camera, please.

Representative Ward moves, seconded by Secretary Chodzicki. Any opposition? Okay, we will go into closed session.

There is no further business on the agenda, so I will invite Grandmother Beatrice to close us with a blessing.

[Grandmother Beatrice Demetrius]
Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of our time together, we thank you for what has been accomplished here today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and cause us to advance and to see growth in all areas of lives. Go with us and keep us safe until we meet again.

Amen.

[Chair]
Thank you, Grandmother Beatrice. Motion to adjourn. Secretary Chodzicki moves adjournment.

Council stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

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