Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Citizens' Council

ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA

DATE:	May 21, 2026 – **9:00AM**
LOCATION:	DoubleTree by Hilton West Edmonton 16615 109 Ave NW, Edmonton AB T5P 4K8
ROOM:	Palisade/Emerald Ballroom

ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
1	**9:00AM**	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	9:00AM	OPENING PRAYER	ELDER DOREEN BERGUM
3	9:05AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA ***Motion Required***	CHAIR
4	9:10AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
5	9:20AM	UNFINISHED BUSINESS a.) Trappers Survey Report b.) Kahsketakihk i. Development of Kahsketakihk Constituting Instrument(s) ***Motion Required***	SECRETARY LACOMBE SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	10:20AM	***BREAK***	
5	10:40AM	UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT'D b.) Kahsketakihk i. Development of Kahsketakihk Constituting Instrument(s) ***Motion Required***	SELF-GOVERNMENT
6	11:40AM	OFFICER REPORT(S) a.) Judicial Branch Annual Report on Activities and Operations for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year ***Motion Required***	JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL
-	12:00PM	***LUNCH***	
7	1:15PM	CITIZENS' GATHERING a.) Citizens' Council Report	PRESIDENT/ SELF-GOVERNMENT

8	1:45PM	OFFICER REPORT(S) CONT'D a.) Auditor General Annual Report on Activities and Operations for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year ***Motion Required***	AUDITOR GENERAL
9	2:15PM	REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS a.) Environment and Climate Change Update ***Motion Required***	ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE
-	2:35PM	***BREAK***	
9	2:50PM	REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS CONT'D b.) Citizens' Gathering Artist Callout ***Motion Required*** c.) Agenda Item Requests Discussion	EVENTS MANAGER REPRESENTATIVE PAUL-ALOOK
10	3:00PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) Legislative Proposals Update i. Legal Counsel Update	LEGAL COUNSEL
11	3:30PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) Cont. a.) Legal Update i. Consultation Protocol Agreement ii. Initial Approval of Calgary Nose Hill District Council Bylaws iii. TC Energy LOA – OMG-Grande Prairie District b.) Legal Counsel Presentation - RE: Officer (Advice to Officials) c.) Discussion – RLI (Personnel) d.) Director Communication (Personnel) **Unfinished Business**	LEGAL COUNSEL DIRECTOR PETERS CITIZENS' COUNCIL SEO
12	5:30PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
13	5:35PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
14	5:40PM	CLOSING PRAYER	ELDER DOREEN BERGUM
15	5:40PM	ADJOURNMENT ***Motion Required***	CHAIR

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Attendance – May 21, 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		✓	✓ (4PM)
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	✓			Secretary 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

9:06AM The Chair called the May 21, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:06AM Elder Doreen Bergum delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

9:09AM **MOTION #20260521-1:**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Agenda for the May 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg

Questions from the floor

Amendments to Agenda as follows:
-Trappers Survey Report added as 5a)
-Agenda Item Request Discussion added as 9c)

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – President's Welcome

9:10AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

9:12AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

9:16AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #5 – Unfinished Business

a.) Trappers Survey Report

9:16AM The Chair invited Secretary Grant Lacombe and Anna Ross, Senior Manager of Consultation - Research and Engagement, to present onto the floor the Trapper's Survey Report.

MOTION #20260521-2:
Moved by: Secretary Jason Ekeberg
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the briefing note regarding the Métis Trappers Survey Results be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Kahsketakihk

i. Development of Kahsketakihk Constituting Instrument(s)

9:33AM The Chair invited Lina Chhom, Policy Analyst, to present onto the floor the development of Kahsketakihk Constituting Instrument(s).

10:43AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:07AM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

MOTION #20260521-3:
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration be directed to incorporate the changes as discussed, circulate the draft electronically, and refer to Cabinet for decision.
Seconded by: Secretary Gabrielle Blatz

Questions from the floor

11:20AM **Result:** Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #6 – Officer Report(s)

a.) Judicial Branch Annual Report on Activities and Operations for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year

11:20AM The Chair invited Lionel Chartrand, Chairperson of the Judicial Tribunal, to present onto the floor the Judicial Branch Annual Report on Activities and Operations for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year.

MOTION #20260521-4:
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that that Judicial Branch Annual Report on Activities and Operations for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Questions from the floor

Action Item #1: Legal counsel and Administration to confer with the Chair of the Judicial Tribunal and return to Citizens' Council with recommendations in respect to Chair Chartrand's Judicial Tribunal report.

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:55AM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:55AM Elder Doreen Bergum delivered the blessing of the meal.

1:15PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #7 – Citizens' Gathering

a.) Citizens' Council Report

1:16PM The Chair invited Maddie Aldridge, Policy Analyst, and President Andrea Sandmaier to read onto the floor the Citizens' Council Report.

MOTION #20260521-5:
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizen's Council that the Citizens' Council Report be referred to administration to bring back the edits as discussed.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #8 – Officer Report(s) Cont'd

a.) Auditor General Annual Report on Activities and Operations for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year

1:35PM The Chair invited Ruben Jeffery, Auditor General, to present onto the floor the Auditor General Annual Report on Activities and Operations for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year.

MOTION #20260521-6
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by Citizens' Council that Auditor General's Annual Report presented at the May 21, 2026 Citizens' Council meeting be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #9 – Representative Business

a.) Environment and Climate Change Update

1:42PM The Chair invited Secretary Aura Leddy and Jordan York, Conservation Manager, to present onto the floor the Environment and Climate Change Update.

MOTION #20260521-7:
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Environment and Climate Change Update be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Gabrielle Blatz

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Citizens' Gathering Artist Callout

2:07PM The Chair invited Taylor Masters, Events Manager, to present onto the floor the Citizens' Gathering Artist Callout.

MOTION #20260521-8:
Moved by: Secretary Gabrielle Blatz
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the briefing on the Completed Commissioned Artwork for the upcoming 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

c.) Agenda Item Request Discussion

2:12PM The Chair invited Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook to present onto the floor the Agenda Item Request Discussion.

MOTION #20260521-9:
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration is directed to ensure that any agenda item requests that are properly submitted before the deadline receive a response to that request advising of the decision on the request, whether it's included on the next agenda, a future agenda, or if it's not going to be included on an agenda.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

2:20PM The Chair proposed a friendly amendment to change "administration" to "the Office of the Chair" and asked the mover and the seconder to confirm acceptance of the friendly amendment.

Result: Friendly amendment accepted.

MOTION #20260521-9:
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Office of the Chair is directed to ensure that any agenda item requests that are properly submitted before the deadline receive a response to that request advising of the decision on the request, whether it's included on the next agenda, a future agenda, or if it's not going to be included on an agenda.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

No Debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #12 – Key Messages

2:22PM The Chair invited Nicole Sparrow, Director of Strategic Governance, and Adam Still, Acting Senior Manager – Communications and Citizen Engagement, to read onto the floor key messages from the May 21, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.

2:32PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

2:55PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #10 – In Camera Item(s)

2:55PM **MOTION #20260521-10:**
Moved by: Representative Trevor Ward
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Undebatable

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

3:50PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

3:58PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera*).

4:18PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

4:27PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera*).

5:30PM The Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

5:41PM The Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera*).

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

6:46PM **MOTION #20260521-11:**
Moved by: Secretary Trevor Ward
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Tremblay

Undebatable

6:47PM **MOTION #20260521-12:**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration be directed to arrange for governance training for Citizens' Council, including but not limited to legislation and the role of a legislative body, to be completed prior to the workshop for developing a legislative process.
Seconded by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield

Questions from the floor

6:48PM Secretary Brooke Bramfield proposed a friendly amendment to add "independent third-party governance training".

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

Result: Friendly amendment accepted.

6:49PM **MOTION #20260521-12:**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration be directed to arrange for independent third-party governance training for Citizens' Council, including but not limited to legislation and the role of a legislative body, to be completed prior to the workshop for developing a legislative process.
Seconded by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

6:50PM **MOTION #20260521-13:**
Moved by: Secretary Grant Lacombe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the update on the Draft Consultation Protocol Agreement be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Gabrielle Blatz

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

6:50PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20260521-14**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook

WHEREAS:

A. 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.

B. On December 10, 2025, Citizens' Council adopted a resolution (the "**Grande Prairie Consultation Resolution**", attached hereto as Appendix "A") authorizing the President and Senior Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Local #1990 of Grande Prairie and Local #1929 (Valleyview) (the "**Locals**") in respect of the TC Energy Agreements (the "**Agreement**", attached hereto as Appendix "B").

C. Citizens' Council exercised its authority and responsibility under Chapter 15.9 of the Métis Nation within Alberta Constitution to approve and authorize the Agreement because:

(a) the Locals had demonstrated commitment to implementing the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Transition Plan;

(b) the Locals were actively engaged in transitioning to an Otipemisiwak Métis Government District Council;

(c) the delays in the Locals' transition were the result of the uniqueness of the amalgamation of the Locals, along with specific considerations related to the property and interests of each Local; and

(d) as of the date of the Grande Prairie Consultation Resolution, no petition had been received to establish a District Council in the Grande Prairie Métis District.

D. As set out Section 15 of the Agreement, the Agreement will expire on the earlier of:

(a) May 31, 2026, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties;

(b) the full and final assignment of the TC Energy Agreements to the newly established District Council as contemplated in paragraph 10 hereof; or

(c) the termination of the TC Energy Agreements in accordance with their terms.

E. The Locals will not transition to the Grande Prairie District Council prior to May 31, 2026. However, the Locals have prepared, and Citizens' Council has approved, District Council Bylaws for the Grande Prairie Métis District, and the Locals have communicated their intent to hold a special meeting at which the Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta residing in the Grande Prairie Métis District may vote on whether to adopt the Bylaws.

F. Section 15 of the Agreement provides, and the Grande Prairie Consultation Resolution affirms, that Citizens' Council may authorize an extension of the Agreement.

G. Citizens' Council is satisfied that the facts leading to the adoption of the Grande Prairie Consultation Resolution and subsequent execution of the Agreement, as set out in Recital C above, continue to be true.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. In order to ensure the Citizens residing in the Grande Prairie Métis District are able to continue to engage in consultation to protect their rights, claims, and interests, Citizens' Council authorizes and approves the President and Senior Executive Officer to enter into an agreement to extend the Agreement until June 30, 2026, without the possibility for further extension or amendment, in the form set out in Appendix "C" and subject to technical amendments (the "**Amending Agreement**").

2. Citizens' Council reaffirms its previous delegation of the Agreement, as amended by the Amending Agreement, including the activities set out in paragraphs 6 to 10 of the Agreement, to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Consultation Department.

3. The President and Senior Executive Officer are authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizens' Council, to execute and deliver or file such documents or instruments and to do all such other acts and things as are required or as they may determine to be necessary to give effect to the foregoing resolutions.

Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

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

6:51PM **RESOLUTION (by MOTION) #20260521-15**
Moved by: Secretary Nelson Lussier

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 proposed District Council Bylaws for the

Calgary Nose Hill Métis District (attached hereto as Annex "A") have been reviewed and conform to the 2025 Model Bylaws, the *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution*, and Otipemisiwak Métis Government Law;

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 the District Captain of the Calgary Nose Hill Métis District will incorporate a new body under Alberta's *Societies Act* to serve as the District Council of the District;

AND WHEREAS to facilitate the effective and efficient incorporation of the Calgary Nose Hill District Council under Alberta's *Societies Act* and ensure that it is done in a manner that aligns with the Métis Nation within Alberta's overall self-government implementation and transition work, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government wishes to work together with the District Captain (and other incorporators) of the Calgary Nose Hill District Council throughout the transition process, including by having a joint retainer for legal counsel with respect to the incorporation process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Approval-in-Principle of Bylaws

1) Subject to technical and legal edits as may be required, the District Council Bylaws for the Calgary Nose Hill Métis District are approved in principle.

General

2) The President and Senior Executive Officer of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government are authorized and empowered to enter into a limited-scope joint retainer agreement with the District Captain (and other incorporators) of the Calgary Nose Hill District Council, for the purposes of having joint legal representation with respect to the incorporation of the Calgary Nose Hill District Council.

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 Joe Chodzicki

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

6:52PM **MOTION #20260521-16**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
Be it resolved as a special resolution of the Citizens' Council that, pursuant to section 12(2) of the *Ombudsman Act,* the Ombudsman's appointment is revoked.

Be it further resolved as a special resolution of the Citizens' Council that the resolution regarding a confidential human resources matter be adopted as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

The Chair conducted a vote.

Result: *Recorded vote – Carried Unanimously*

Abstentions: President Andrea Sandmaier
Representatives Absent: Representative Alfred L'Hirondelle, Representative Judy-Ann Cardinal

Agenda Item #13 – President's Closing Remarks

6:54PM The Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #14 – Closing Prayer

6:54PM The Chair invited Elder Doreen Bergum to deliver a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #15 – Adjournment

6:56PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
The Chair declared that the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for June 18, 2026.

Tracked Motions

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Pursuant to Section 11 of the Live Streaming and Recording Regulation 2025, redactions were made to the May 21, 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 Section (b).