ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA

DATE:	April 23, 2026 – **9:30AM**
LOCATION:	Delta Hotels Edmonton South Conference Centre 4404 Gateway Blvd NW, Edmonton AB T6H 5C2
ROOM:	Empire Ballroom

ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
-	9:00AM	ONSITE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE	ADMINISTRATION
1	**9:30AM**	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	9:30AM	OPENING PRAYER	ELDER DOREEN BERGUM
3	9:35AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA ***Motion Required***	CHAIR
4	9:40AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
5	9:50AM	MEETING MINUTES a.) Draft Citizens' Council Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2026 b.) Draft Citizens' Council Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2026 ***Motion Required***	SECRETARY OF RECORDS
6	10:00AM	CHAIR'S REPORT a.) Update on Actions from Citizens' Council Meetings – March 18 & 19, 2026 b.) Agenda Request(s) ***Motion Required***	CHAIR
7	10:10AM	CITIZENS' PROPOSALS a.) Citizens' Proposal #5: 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative Role	SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	10:30AM	***BREAK***	
8	10:45AM	OFFICER REPORT(S) a.) Chief Electoral Officer Report on 2025 Late Fall Elections	ACTING CEO

9	11:15AM	REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS a.) Proposed Revised Annual Citizens' Gathering Gas Card Guidelines *****Motion Required***** b.) BN: Service Standards for the Processing of Citizen Payments *****Motion Required*****	EVENTS MANAGER SEC. KAILA MITCHELL
10	11:45AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) Self-Government Department i. Transition Report – April 23, 2026 *****Motion Required***** b.) Kahsketakihk i. Development of Kahsketakihk Constituting Instrument(s) **Unfinished Business**	SELF-GOVERNMENT
-	12:00PM	***LUNCH***	
11	1:00PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) Nominations Committee b.) 2026/2027 Proposed Annual Budget Update c.) Legal Counsel	NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FINANCE LEGAL COUNSEL
12	4:00PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
13	4:15PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
14	4:25PM	CLOSING PRAYER	ELDER DOREEN BERGUM
15	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.

Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Citizens' Council

MEETING MINUTES	
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Attendance – April 23, 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		✓ (AM)	✓ (PM)	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

9:32AM The Acting Chair called the April 23, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:33AM Elder Doreen Bergum delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

9:37AM **MOTION #20260423-1:**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Agenda for the April 23, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Questions from the floor

Amendments to Agenda as follows:
-Item 11c.) Kahsketakihk moved out of in-camera to Item 10b.), Item 11d.) Legal moved to Item 11c.)

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – President's Welcome

9:56AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

10:08AM Secretary Grant Lacombe steps out of meeting.

10:10AM **MOTION #20260423-2**
Moved by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the President's Welcome Address be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #5 – Meeting Minutes

10:10AM **MOTION #20260423-3:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the March 18, 2026, Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Questions from the floor

Secretary Karen Collins inquired as to whether the March 18th meeting could be retroactively moved out of camera.

Amendments to the Minutes as follows:
-Item 4a.) on Adopted Agenda changed to "Constitution Commission Presentation" with presenter changed to "Constitution Commission", and title of Item 4a.) on page 2 changed to "Constitution Commission Presentation" as set out in MOTION #20260318-1

Result: Carried by Consensus

10:23 AM **MOTION #20260423-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the March 19, 2026, Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Questions from the floor

10:39AM Motion stood down.

10:39AM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:00AM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

Agenda Item #6 – Chair's Report

11:02AM **MOTION #20260423-5:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the April 23, 2026, Chair's Report, and Item 9b.) being BN: Service Standards for the Process of Citizen Payments be tabled to the May Citizens' Council meeting.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #5 – Meeting Minutes

11:04AM **MOTION #20260423-4:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Minutes of the March 19, 2026, Citizens' Council Meeting, be approved as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

No debate

Amendments to the Minutes as follows:
-In Camera portion of Agenda amended to include descriptions of item
-MOTION #20260319-4 on page 3, "Carried by Consensus" to be un-italicized
-MOTION #20260319-11 on page 7 amended to "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".
-MOTION #20260319-12 amended to change "as presented" to "as amended" and to add description of amendment made to the Ombudsman's Report while considering confidentiality.

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #7 – Citizens' Proposals

a.) Citizens' Proposal #5: 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative Role

11:26AM Representative Dunfield suggested a discussion on tabling further agenda items.

11:28AM The Acting Chair tabled Item 10a.) Self-Government Department for information.

11:29AM The Chair invited Maddie Aldridge, Policy Analyst, read onto the floor the Citizens' Proposal #5[1] Update.

MOTION #20260423-6:
Moved by: Representative Gabrielle Blatz
Be it resolved by the Citizen's Council that Council direct administration to bring back a cost analysis, including potential funding sources and delivery options; online, in-person, and hybrid, for a two spirit and gender and sexually diverse advisory committee, to be considered at or before the September Citizens' Council meeting.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

11:48AM Secretary Karen Collins proposed a friendly amendment to change 2SLGBTQQIA+ to 2S.

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

Result: Friendly amendment declined

11:48AM Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook proposed a friendly amendment to change 2SLGBTQQIA+ to "gender and sexually diverse individuals".

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

The mover, Representative Blatz, proposed a further friendly amendment to "two spirit and gender and sexually diverse individuals".

Result: Friendly amendment accepted

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:57AM **MOTION #20260423-7**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration is directed to provide mandatory training for elected officials regarding a series of topics, including Métis culture, cultural safety, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

[1] See Appendix 1 – *Citizens' Proposal #5 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.

11:59AM Representative Ward proposed a friendly amendment to add "the training is made available to District Councils".

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

Result: Friendly amendment accepted

12:01PM Secretary Collins proposed a friendly amendment to change the order of the wording so that Métis culture was not listed first in the list of topics.

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

12:05PM **Result:** Friendly amendment accepted

President Sandmaier proposed a friendly amendment changing the word mandatory to another word.

There was discussion on the proposed friendly amendment.

12:10PM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

12:10PM Elder Doreen Bergum delivered the blessing of the meal.

1:08PM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

1:11PM Representative Shannon Dunfield proposed a friendly amendment either changing the word mandatory or removing the word mandatory entirely.

The Acting Chair called on the mover and the seconder to confirm acceptance of the friendly amendment, and they confirm acceptance of removing the word mandatory entirely.

Result: Friendly amendment accepted

1:17PM **MOTION #20260423-7**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
Be it resolved by the Citizens Council that administration is directed to provide training to Citizens' Council and include the training in onboarding for future

Citizens' Councils, and that training is made available to District Councils, on a series of topics including the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community, cultural safety, and Métis culture.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Result: Carried by Consensus

1:18PM The Acting Chair tabled Items 9a.) Proposed Revised Annual Citizens' Gathering Gas Card Guidelines and 10b.) Kahsketakihk to the May Citizens' Council meeting.

Agenda Item #8 – Officer Reports

a.) Chief Electoral Officer Report on 2025 Late Fall Elections

1:20PM The Chair invited Marta Szylko, Acting Chief Electoral Officer, to present onto the floor the Chief Electoral Report on the 2025 Late Fall Elections.

1:22PM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

1:24PM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

1:25PM **MOTION #20260423-8**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Chief Electoral Report on the 2025 Late Fall Elections be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #11 – In-Camera Item(s)

1:38PM **MOTION #20260423-08:**
Moved by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe
The Citizens' Council shall enter in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Undebatable

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

3:15PM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess (*in-camera*).

3:28PM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order (*in-camera*).

5:03PM **MOTION #20260423-9:**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
The Citizens' Council shall exit in-camera session.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Undebatable

5:03PM **MOTION #20260423-10**
Moved by: Representative Gabrielle Blatz
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the recommendation from the Nominations Committee be appointed to the role of Chief Electoral Officer for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the remainder of the current term, ending within twelve (12) months of the 2027 general election, as per Section 19 of the *Elections and Referenda Act*.
Seconded by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

5:08PM **MOTION #20260423-11:**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration is directed to have letters sent to the successful candidate for the role of Chief Electoral Officer from the President and the Senior Executive Officer.
Seconded by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

5:09PM **MOTION #20260423-12:**
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the 2026/2027 budget for core governance activities of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government be adopted as presented and that the budget that was passed be attached to the minutes as an appendix.[2]
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #13 – Key Messages

5:09PM The Acting Chair confirmed with Kenny Trenton, Communications Secretary, that he had the key messages from the April 23, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.

Agenda Item #14 – President's Closing Remarks

5:13PM The Acting Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #15 – Closing Prayer

5:14PM The Chair invited Elder Doreen Bergum to deliver a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment

[2] See Appendix 1 – *Proposed 2027 Budget.*

5:16PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
Moved by: Secretary Rebecca Lavallee
The Acting Chair declared that the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for May 21, 2026.

Tracked Motions

20260423-1	20260423-2	20260423-3	20260423-4
20260423-5	20260423-6	20260423-7	20260423-8
20260423-9	20260423-10	20260423-11	20260423-12

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Live Streaming and Recording Regulation 2025, redactions were made to the April 23, 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) and (b).

Appendix 1 – Citizens' Proposal #5 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering

Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Citizens' Gathering

Citizens' Proposal #5 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering *	
No.	**Proposal**
5	**PROPOSAL #5** **MOTION #20250823-05** **Moved by:** Cameron (Aaliya) Bouvier That the Citizens' Council consider consider to create a specific Two-spirit representative role in our Métis government. **Seconded by:** Giorgianna Leddy **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.

Appendix 2 - Proposed 2027 Budget

Proposed 2027 budget

Revenue:	Budgeted
Interim Fiscal Financing Agreement - Government of Canada	9,053,968.00
Basic Organizational Capacity AIO - Government of Canada	510,207.00
Framework Agreement - Government of Alberta	1,600,000.00
Unfunded Revenue	5,355,805.00
Total Revenue	16,519,980.00
Government Expenditures	
Governance administration - Salaries and benefits* & travel	2,250,000.00
Administrative Overhead	2,154,780.00
Professional Fees	1,200,000.00
Annual Citizens Gathering Costs	750,000.00
Citizens Council Travel and Meeting costs	827,000.00
Citizens Council training	150,000.00
District cultural support funding *(Note 1)*	220,000.00
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer *(Note 2)*	600,000.00
Office of the Ombudsman *(Note 3)*	170,000.00
Judicial Tribunal Remuneration *(Note 4)*	200,000.00
Elders Council	250,000.00
Total Governance Expenditures	8,771,780.00
Citizens' Representatives & District Captains Salaries and Benefits	
Citizens Representatives *(Note 5)*	2,518,100.00
District Captains *(Note 5)*	2,518,100.00
Secretaries in Cabinet *(Note 6)*	518,000.00
Provincial President *(Note 7)*	205,000.00
Women's Representative	114,500.00
Youth Representative	114,500.00
**(Included above for each position : Salary, Vacation pay, Pension/benefits & tax amounts)*	
Total Citizens' Representatives & District Captains Salaries and Benefits	5,988,200.00
Total District Council Operations	1,760,000.00
Total Otipemisiwak Metis Government Governance Expenditures	16,519,980.00
Surplus/Deficit	-

Note 1: Made up of $10,000 of cultural funding for each district

Note 2: This is made up of Salaries and wages along with direct operation costs for Chief Electoral Office.

Note 3: This is made up of Salaries and wages along with direct operation costs for office of the Ombudsman.

Note 4: This includes all retainer fees along with trave and honorarium costs for the Judicial tribunal.

Note 5: This is made up of all salaries benefits for all 22 representatives

Note 6: This is made up of additional salaries and benefits for the 15 cabinet positions.

Note 7 : This includes wages(170,000), vacation (8%,) pension (5%), benefits and taxes.