Citizens' Council Meeting – July 8, 2026

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[Chair]
Okay council we'll be a few more minutes we're just working out some technical issues. Okay council if you want to take a minute find your seats we'll get started. Okay are we ready?

[President Andrea Sandmaier]
It's loud in that other room.

[Chair]
Okay well I've got 10:06, let's go ahead and call the July 8th citizens council meeting to order. I will invite our elder Dianne Ludwig to open our meeting with a blessing. Is that the right one?

[Elder Dianne Ludwig]
Good morning everybody. Great spirit as the sun walks in slow paths towards the western sky we pause to breathe to give thanks to remember that each heartbeat is a gift. The warmth of this day rests upon Askiy, the earth.

The wind carries our prayers across the waters and the songs of the birds remind us that life continues ever in times of heaviness. We remember those who have journeyed on the old ones the children the warriors and all our loved ones whose ripples still touch our lives. We carry their stories as bundles of truth not as burdens but as teachings.

Today we ask for truth and strength. May our words be the mask the medicine for those around us. May our actions be guided by the heaven the sky above and by the steady heartbeat of Aski beneath our feet.

Creator help us to walk humbly to forgive where there is pain to speak with kindness and to protect the land and waters entrusted to us. As the light begins its journey towards evening let our spirits bend like the willow resilient and never broken. Let our heart shine like the stars that follows the sunset and remember that even in the coming night hope and love still endure.

Mercy grace spirit for this day for the chance to live to love and to give and to grow. Mercy. Amen.

[Chair]
Thank you for that Elder Dianne that was lovely. There is a draft agenda before you council. There is one oversight so the in-camera items you have A and B confidential human resources matter and confidential intergovernmental relations matter.

There's actually two confidential intergovernmental relations matter. One to be presented on from EECC and the other from consultation. So unless there are other changes additions deletions to the agenda I'll look for motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Secretary Chodzicki moves. Representative Schnell seconds. Discussion?

Debate? Seeing none is there any opposition? Motion carries the agenda is so adopted as amended.

That takes us into the president's welcome. Madam President the floor is all yours.

[President Sadnmaier]
Good morning everybody and morning to those that are online joining us. It is a beautiful day outside thankfully. We're getting some sun now.

I'm going to keep my president's message short today because we do have a lot to cover on our agenda but I just wanted to give you guys a few updates and things that have been happening. I just also first want to welcome Bailey Oster as acting director of strategic governance. So thank you Bailey.

Bailey will be helping us out and filling in for Nicole. Of course Bailey has a lot of values coming into her role, has worked in policy, worked for the Métis Nation for many years in different in registry and then was our youth director, moved on to Métis National Council and I knew she would come home someday and she has so very very happy that she is she is with us as the acting director of strategic governance. Just an update on kitchen parties.

We had a really great north run a couple weekends ago. Unfortunately because of thunder and lightning we had to cancel the Grand Prairie kitchen party. We had Peace River.

We were able to move it indoors which was lovely. Thank you Barry for for attending and for letting you know getting citizens there that was fantastic. It was great to see people that I hadn't seen in a long time and then we went up to Fort Vermilion and I just want to thank Bobby and her volunteers for putting on the event before the kitchen party and just for helping out at the kitchen party and what it was a great turnout.

Another really hot day we went from extreme rain and thunder and lightning to very dry conditions. It was very odd to go up to high level in Fort Vermilion and see how dry it is up there. It's very scary.

So thank you so much for for that and for welcoming us to your community. It was wonderful. It was wonderful to see folks that I hadn't seen in a long time.

I just want to touch a little bit on the documentary that our communications team and Bailey have been working on. It is it is really important that you know the the documentary is going to be very important going into the into the fall and talking about who we are as

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Métis and the modern day treaty and all of these things. The documentary is really focused on our Métis roots here in Alberta.

So if you're getting calls or receiving emails from Bailey, please respond. Let her know if you have anybody in your community that has those roots tied to Alberta so that we can make sure we can interview them. So thanks for those that have helped with that so far.

And then I just wanted to give you a little bit of an update on the last few days. So Secretary Blatz and I have been…were in Calgary for the Calgary Stampede. And it was a very fruitful event.

We had a lot made lots of connections. But I first want to highlight a few things. So I want to thank Citizens Representative Darryl Campbell and his volunteers in Foothills District who were able to get us into the Calgary Stampede.

It has been many years since we were able to participate. It was a lot of fun. It was a long day but well worth it.

When we were leaving the stampede route and going back with the horses, we were presented with the second place prize for heavy horse category. So very exciting. I think that means that we get to move up next year and not be at the back.

I think there was 128 or 129 entries this year, which was the largest amount of entries that Calgary Stampede has ever had for floats. It was an amazing experience. I think that even though we were close to the end, we did have a lot of people that were very excited to see the Métis Nation, to see and listen to Brianna Lizotte and her sister Lila were there and Brianna's husband.

So they played and they were jigging and it was great fun. So again, thank you very much Darryl and your volunteers for getting us into the stampede once again. It was fantastic.

As well as the Calgary Districts, Elbow District and Foothill Districts had their third annual Métis Stampede Festival at the Confluence in Calgary and it was also an amazing day. We were very blessed to have Minister Alty come out and spend some time there, as well as Minister Rajan Sawhney and some councillors from the City of Calgary were there and both mayors. So Mayor of Calgary, Mayor Farkas and Mayor Andrew Knack also came out.

So it was a great day there as well. They also, and maybe Nelson if you want to speak to this a little bit, you also had some displays and music at the BMO Centre.

[Secretary Nelson Lussier]
Yes, we were in the BMO Centre from 11 to 11 and we had a set up and a display there with some furs and stuff. Wolf I think, Grant will know he was there also. Secretary Lacombe was there all day with us.

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He was getting pretty tired, but I made him stay and it was a great, the stampede community and all the staff are so impressed with us, with our display and our music. It drew the crowd. Soon they heard the fiddle.

There was three, four hundred people came to the stage and I won't read the email, but they sent me an email the next day and they said they're excited to have us back there next year, possibly two or three days. And we also had a university student who did a beading. I was going to send it.

I thought we could put it on the screen, but I'm too late now. She won first place for beading. Holly Anghel.

It's beautiful. So maybe we can set it up and show it on the screen after. We had a great time in our Métis Fest also.

We had a great turnout. We're excited to be outside today with our stage, the confluence and we had artisans there. We had about 60, 70 people playing bingo and it was just a great weekend and I'd like to thank Darryl also for being in the stampede parade.

That was awesome. So yeah, we had a great weekend.

[President Sandmaier]
Yeah, it was a it was a fantastic weekend and I know that our Rocky View District as well had their third. I believe it was their third annual Métis Day at Lake Louise and they had beautiful weather and a very large turnout. Another great day.

I was very excited all weekend to hear all the great things that are happening and that the City of Calgary, the Stampede Committee are really seeing and valuing who we are as Métis people. You can see the hard work that the district captains, the citizens representatives and citizens have been doing to make sure that people know who we are. So thank you all very much for the hard work that you guys have put into that and I can't wait till next year.

So at Stampede, there were a lot of ministers and MPs and MLAs that were at every single event that we went to. The current federal government is really making sure that they are visiting Alberta. Every day, there's new ministers and MPs arriving from all across Canada to take part in Stampede events.

So I was very excited to, you know, have conversations with Minister Alty, with some parliamentary secretaries, with some MPs, with Minister Mark Miller. It was a great place to connect as well as with some not-for-profits. So Secretary Blatz and I and Bailey are going to have a debrief just to go over all the cards that we collected.

There's people that, you know, other portfolio holders, we want to make sure that we connect you with some people. So overall, it was probably the best Stampede so far, as far as connecting with people. So that was really exciting.

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Next week, of course, is Batoche and we have a small group headed to Batoche as well. Leading up to Batoche, we are in Saskatoon with Métis National Council and having leadership discussions with the governing members as well as Northwest Territory's Métis Nation and then we have Batoche. I want to, Tyler is not here today.

He is on holidays and I will update you guys after, but I just want to give a shout out to Tyler and his team, which includes the languages team, the Métis Artists Collective. They have planned an amazing showcase in our pavilion this year. I can't wait to be able to see it and take part in some of the activities that they have going on.

We're taking up the whole space, plus the back little parking area with a tent. So it will be a very great showcase of the Métis Nation within Alberta and the Otipemisiwak government there. So we are very much looking forward to that.

So that is all I have for today because we need to get on to our agenda. So thank you all very much.

[Chair]
Very good. Thank you kindly, Madam President. Questions, commentary to the President's welcome before we move on?

Seeing none, the next items on your agenda are all in-camera items that are confidential. So I'll look to Council for a motion to go into in-camera session. Representative Ward, seconded by Secretary Chodzicki.

No debate to the motion. Is there any opposition to the motion? The motion carries.

We will go into closed session. I'll ask all of the staff and representatives who don't have business with the in-camera items to take their leave and we'll give them a moment to do that.

I'll wait for the thumbs up from AV to tell us we're back online.

I'm seeing thumbs up. That's good news. Okay, I'll read the resolution into the record that was made.

It is be it resolved that given the extraordinary situation created by the former SEO no longer being in place, the urgent need to have an interim SEO in place, and the interest of Citizens Council on having Daniel Quan-Watson attend the next in-person meeting of the Citizens Council scheduled for July 8, 2026 as the interim SEO, instruction and authorization is hereby given to legal counsel to negotiate and finalize a consulting contract with Mr. Quan-Watson that is consistent with this resolution, the Métis Nation with an Alberta

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Constitution and Otipemisiwak Métis Government laws, as well as market rates for a position filling the role of SEO, and upon the consulting contract authorized above being finalized, President Sandmeier and one other statutorily authorized signing authorities will execute the above-authorized consulting contract between Mr. Quan-Watson and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, whose legal arm is the Métis Nation of Alberta Association, with the goal to have Mr. Quan-Watson attend the next in-person Citizens Council meeting as interim SEO, and that this result, or that the, sorry, we won't need that because we're making the motion here in this meeting, so it's numbers one and two, and it's moved by President Andrea Sandmeier and seconded by Secretary Joe Shiziki. Questions?

Discussion? Debate? Seeing none, is there any opposition to the motion?

Seeing no opposition, the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Council. As discussed, Council will stand in early recess.

We will be in recess until 1 p.m., and we will come back at that time to deal with the rest of your in-camera items.

Council is in recess till 1 p.m.

[Chair]
Thanks for your patience, Council. We're just waiting for resolution on a technical issue here. We'll be starting shortly.

Okay, Council, if you're ready, we're ready.

So we go ahead and call the meeting back to order. I've got 1:18 p.m. Thank you for your patience on that. I'll look to AV to tell me the live stream is recording.

It's going, we're good. Okay, before we go back to your in-camera items, I will turn the floor over to the President.

[President Sandmaier]
Good afternoon, everybody. Good afternoon to our citizens who are watching online. Thank you for for coming today to our Citizens Council meeting, the open session of the Citizens Council meeting.

We have some very exciting news. I want to announce and introduce everyone to our interim SEO, Daniel Quan-Watson, who brings a wealth of experience from the Canadian Federal Public Service. He's spent 15 years as Deputy Minister and Chief Executive Officer across multiple federal appointments, including Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

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His career is centered on Crown Indigenous Relations, major policy, legislative work, and constitutional litigation involving Indigenous rights. So welcome very much. We are all so excited and look forward to working with you over the next few months.

So I will let you introduce yourself and then we'll go around the table with our Citizens Council as well. Thank you.

[Interim Senior Executive Officer Daniel Quan-Watson]
Well, thank you very much and thank you for the privilege and honour of being asked to support you over this coming time. I introduced myself to those in this room earlier, but I guess for those joining, Daniel Quan-Watson. As was mentioned, I was a Deputy Minister in the federal system for a very long period of time, about 15 years, but I also worked for the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Saskatchewan in earlier parts of my career and look forward to bringing that experience to support you in the incredibly important work that you are doing and I look forward to listening an awful lot and look forward to observing an awful lot and then figuring out what might help and what might support in serving the citizens that you are all so dedicated to serving through the work that you do. And so I will look forward to that and I will certainly be in touch with all of you over the next while.

Madam President, back to you.

[President Sandmaier]
Thank you so much, Daniel. I would also, on behalf of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, I would like to present you with our sash and there's also, if you can sew, we can have someone do that for you. We can get that sewn on and of course, Louis Riel pin and one of our Otipemisiwak Métis Government pins.

So thank you so much. Thank you.

[Interim Senior Executive Officer Daniel Quan-Watson]
Thank you. And I'll just add one last thing. My wife's grandfather was incredibly proud Métis and he had encouraged her all her life to register as Métis and it's like so many Métis over the generations. There had been a skip in the people that felt comfortable with that.

She decided to become a Métis citizen, which she has done and so has my daughter and so I know that my grandfather-in-law will be tickled pink with this moment.

[President Sandmaier]
Very good. Thank you, Mr. Quan-Watson. So, we will go through roundtable so that each of the citizens' representatives can introduce them and their district.

We'll start with Representative Dunfield and then you can just turn it over in a circle as we go rather than me calling you out, if that's okay.

[Representative Shannon Dunfield]

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's a pleasure to meet you, Mr. Quan-Watson. I am really looking forward to working with you.

I am the citizens' representative for Grande Prairie Métis District. My home community is actually Kelly Lake, which is about 45 minutes west of Grande Prairie. My family lines are Bilkerton, Gauchet, Gladue, Whitford and I was sharing with Jason Madden earlier my early introduction into Métis politics.

I think I was 12 years old when my entire community packed up and went to Kamloops for, at the time I believe it was called the Louis Riel Métis Association of BC Elections, where I got to induction into Métis politics and listening and learning from all of our people. I was sharing with Jason some of the people's names that I grew up with and connected with. So I'm really looking forward to listening and learning from you.

I'm really excited for what you're going to be bringing to the table and I shared with Mr. Madden earlier as well too. I've and when your name came up, full disclosure, I did my research, made some calls, you came highly recommended and I'm really excited about that because I think it's really important when we hear from others how the work that you've done and the work that you have done for our government or federal government and the work that you've done in other areas and how that's going to impact what we're going to be doing moving forward. So congratulations, looking forward to working with you and thank you.

[Representative Joseph Noel Tremblay]
Hello, thank you Mr. Daniel Quan Watson for coming to join us on our team. I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Joseph Tremblay.

I am citizen rep of the Athabasca Landing District 20. I'd like to welcome you to our team and we are grateful and fortunate to have someone like you with your knowledge and expertise. Thank you and looking forward to having good conversations on building our government and with good accountability, making policies for guidance and structuring our administration so we can be accountable to our citizens.

[Interim Senior Executive Officer Daniel Quan-Watson]
And if I could just say I go by Daniel.

[Representative Catherine Schnell]
Okay, thank you. Hi Daniel, my name is Catherine Schnell and I'm the citizens representative for the Medicine Hat Métis District and I know I speak for everybody here as well as my council and our captains back at home that we're very honoured and thankful to have you step in and help us and we're looking forward to working together. Thank you.

[Representative Trevor Ward]
Welcome Daniel, yes we're as well very excited to be working with you and looking forward to the conversations we have coming in the future. My name is Trevor Ward and I am citizen

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representative for Rocky View Métis District. My district surrounds Calgary, so just to give you a perspective of where I'm coming from.

So welcome and I look forward to the future with you.

[Secretary Barry Dibb]
Hello Daniel, my name is Barry Dibb. I'm the Secretary of Economic and Rural Development of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and I'm the Peace River Métis District citizens representative also. Congratulations, thank you.

[Secretary Grant Lacombe]
Hi Daniel, my name is Grant Lacombe. I'm the citizens rep for District 21, Lesser Slave Lake and the Secretary for Culture and Harvesting Métis Government. Welcome and I look forward to working with you and I appreciate your dedication to working with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and I'm glad you're on our team.

[Secretary Brooke Bramfield]
Good afternoon Daniel, my name is Brooke Bramfield. I'm the citizens representative for Fort McMurray and the Secretary of Children and Family Services and welcome. So excited for all the work we're going to do.

[Secretary Valerie Quintal]
Hello Daniel and welcome. I also had the privilege of meeting you at the Housing Policy Forum we had recently, but I'm Valerie Quintal from Conklin District, also the Secretary of Housing and Infrastructure. Nice to meet you again.

[Secretary Aura Leddy]
Good afternoon, my name is Aura Leddy. My family's come from the Lac Ste Anne and St. Albert area and I'm the great-granddaughter of Delia Gray and I'm also a proud Two-Spirit Métis person. I have the great honour of representing my citizens in the Edmonton-Whitemud District as a citizens representative and also the additional honour of serving in our cabinet as the Secretary of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management.

I look forward to further discussions and all the work we're going to be doing. I'm glad to have you along.

[Elder Dianne Ludwig]
I'm always scared to touch all these buttons. My name is Diane Ludwig and I don't like calling myself an elder because in our language there was no such thing as an elder and we were called the old ones when I was growing up and I'm the elder for the Métis National Council and also for Métis Nation, one of them, yes, throughout Canada and previous to that I was a teacher in the schools and for 31 years I was an elder in residence for schools in the Lac La Biche area.

So, welcome.

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[Secretary Jason Ekeberg]
Hello, Daniel. My name is Jason Ekeberg. I'm a citizens representative for Lac La Biche Métis District as well as Secretary of Treasury for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government. It's nice to meet you and I look forward to working with you and I think it's going to be a good opportunity for all. Thank you.

[Secretary Joe Chodzicki]
Good afternoon, Daniel. We meet again.

We had a conversation during the lunch so I'm looking forward to more of them bike stories going into the north for sure. That's pretty exciting stuff. Anyway, my name again is Joe Chodzicki.

I am the citizen rep for the Red Deer Métis District and I'm also Secretary for Citizenship and Registry. Welcome aboard and it's our honour and privilege to have you here, sir.

[Secretary Gabrielle Blatz]
Hi, Daniel. My name is Gabrielle Blatz. I am the provincial women's representative as well as the Secretary of Women, Gender Equity and Inclusivity for our government but I live in Joe's District and so I live in Wetaskiwin. I am super excited that you're here and I'm glad to have you here with us. So, thank you for being here and I'm excited to work together.

[Secretary Lussier]
Hi, Daniel. My name is Nelson Lussier. I'm the citizen rep for Calgary-Nose Hill District 5 and also Secretary of Justice and welcome to our team.

[Secretary Kaila Mitchell]
I'm Kaila Mitchell and I'm the citizens rep for Jasper House which includes Jasper, Edson, Hinton and Grande Cache as well as the Provincial Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Seniors and I don't know if you can tell but we're all very excited that you're here so I'll again for like the 15th time. Thank you for being here. Welcome and looking forward to working with you.

[Secretary Karen Collins]
Welcome, Daniel, to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government's team of nation builders. We know that we have a lot of work to do. We, like everyone said, are excited to have you join us and provide some guidance as we take these steps on a path that our citizens and our people in this province have not gone before.

So, I really look forward to the opportunity to work with you. You bring much expertise. You have a lot of knowledge that you've gained from your travels from coast to coast to coast and I'm glad to hear that you have a vested interest in where the Otipemisiwak Métis Government goes.

So, bring your vision for your wife and your daughter and be very much a part of our nation as we continue to build. Yay.

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[Representative Cindy Moore]
Welcome. I will echo what everybody said. Thank you for joining us and jumping on board with us, Mr. Quan or Daniel. I am Cindy Moore from District 22. Our district is Wabasca, so we're up north. It includes Calling Lake, Sandy Lake, Chipewyan Lake, Red Earth Creek.

So, lots of forest in our area if you're interested in seeing what the Borough of Forest looks like. It's beautiful, beautiful, lots of lakes. I look forward to working with you.

A little history about, I'm related to the Gullions. There were two brothers that settled on the river lots here in the Edmonton River Valley and according to some of the history that I read, they actually built the first school in Edmonton on one of their river lots. They offered to provide that little piece of land for the school.

And so, it's funny that I later became a teacher, so it must have been in my blood. So, I'm a retired teacher and kind of new to politics. I've only been with, I was part of a by-election, so I've only been here for about a year and a half.

So, I look forward to meeting you. Have a good day.

[Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook]
Hi, Daniel. My name is Bobbi Paul-Alook. I am the Citizens' Representative for the Fort Vermilion-Métis District.

So, that's in the top northwestern corner of the province. A little bit about my home community. Fort Vermilion is arguably the oldest community in Alberta and it's also the oldest Métis community in the province and for sure one of the founding communities of the Métis Nation within Alberta.

So, I'm very thankful to be raised in Fort Vermilion with strong Métis values and a really strong knowledge of that Métis history and I am somebody who comes to the table with a fierce commitment to both of those. So, welcome aboard. I'm very happy to have you join our team and very much look forward to moving forward in a really positive direction.

[Representative Darryl Campbell]
Welcome, Daniel. I'm Darryl Campbell, Citizens' Rep for District 1 down in the southwest corner of the province. The other day there, a couple weeks ago or whatever there, Mr. Madden said that he, you know, knew a fellow that would maybe take the position. So, I just, I don't know why we're waiting so long to induct you. So, welcome here and let's get things rolling. Thank you.

[President Sandmaier]
Thank you, Representative Campbell. We'll go online to the participants online.

[Chair]
We'll start with the Secretarys Wolfe, if we could.

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[Secretary Sarah Wolfe]
Hi, my name is Sarah Wolfe and I'm the Citizens' Representative for Fort Edmonton Métis District 9. I'll echo all of my colleagues around the table and say I'm so excited to have you here with us as our interim CEO. I'm also the Secretary of Records for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

[Secretary Lisa Wolfe]
Good afternoon, Daniel. Welcome to the team here. We're so very excited. My name is Lisa Wolfe. I sit to your left over there and I'm the Secretary of Education, Training and Veteran Affairs for the Otipemisiwak Government. I'm the Citizen Representative for Lac Ste. Anne, which is west of Edmonton and includes Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Devon, Drayton Valley, Barrhead and Whitecourt.

So, we're very pleased to have you on board. Thank you for accepting our contract and I'll see you soon. Okay.

[Chair]
And Representative L'Hirondelle.

[Representative Alfred L'Hirondelle]
Thanks very much and I just want to welcome you too. I'm the District Representative for St. Albert District, District 11 and I just want to say welcome and I'm excited to do some work with you.

[Chair]
Thank you. Secretary Lavallee.

[Secretary Rebecca Lavallee]
Hello, my name is Rebecca Lavallee. I am the Provincial Youth Representative as well as the Secretary of Youth and Sports. Sorry, I can't be there today and I look forward to meeting you in person in the future, but just want to say congratulations and welcome.

[Chair]
And Representative Chernow.

[Representative Jason Chernow]
Yes, welcome Daniel. My name is Jason Chernow. I'm the Citizens Representative for the Calgary-Elbow Métis District. Apologies, I'm not there to meet you face-to-face today, but I'm looking forward to meeting face-to-face in the near future. Like all my colleagues have said, very excited for you to be coming on board with us and I'm really excited to see where all of your expertise can help us out.

So, thank you.

[Chair]

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Very good and final word to you, Madam President.

[President Sandmaier]
All right. Although we have met, I will formally introduce myself. I'm Andrea Sandmeier.

My roots come from the Red River and Saskatchewan in and around Batoche, Chuck Lake, St. Louis, Fish Creek, as well as St. Paul des Métis and I make my home currently in Cold Lake, Alberta. My family names are Sansregret, Dumont, Collins, oh many Grant, lots of Métis last names, Carrier, Lagimodiere, and I am very excited that you have accepted our offer and look forward to working with you and continuing to build this wonderful nation. So, thank you.

[Chair]
Thank you, President Sandmaier. Okay, so the remaining orders of business on your agenda for today are primarily in-camera. So, I look to you, Council, for a motion to go back into in-camera session.

Secretary Leddy moves, seconder, Representative Ward seconds. Is there any opposition to going into in-camera? Seeing no opposition, we will go into closed session.

I will ask all those present who do not have business with items on the in-camera agenda to take their leave and we will take a break for a few minutes to let that happen here.

[Chair]
The thumbs up that we're going on live.

Thumbs are up, we are live. Okay, a couple of motions coming out of the closed session, Council. The first motion is be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the briefing note regarding the Environment and Climate Change update to the OMG Citizens' Council is accepted and administration is directed to implement the feedback as discussed by Citizens' Council.

Mover and seconder, Secretary Leddy. Seconder and Secretary Chodzicki still. Very good.

Is there any debate, discussion? Is there any opposition to the motion? Motion carries, administration so directed.

The second motion coming out of the closed session, a motion to direct administration to organize a joint meeting between Citizens' Council and the District Captains of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to discuss the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Canada Consultation Agreement as soon as practicable. Mover and Secretary Blatz. Seconder and Secretary Chodzicki nodding yes.

Discussion? Debate? Is there any opposition to the motion?

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Motion carries, administration is so directed. That takes us into key messages. I trust the one decision that Council would like to see messaged out today is the appointment of our illustrious new interim senior executive officer, correct?

[President Sandmaier]
Yes, please.

[Chair]
Are there further key messages that Council wishes to give direction on?

[Representative Paul-Alook]
Representative to ensure that the question that I had asked is an official action item coming out of today's meeting.

[Chair]
It is and has been in place.

[Representative Paul-Alook]
Thank you.

[Chair]
Okay, that being the only key message, President, your closing remarks.

[President Sandmaier]
Because we have to be out of here in five minutes, I have no closing remarks. Anyway, I just want to thank you guys all for coming. Again, on very short notice to come and to get a lot of work done that we did around the table today.

And I also just want to say again, welcome, Daniel, and thank you for being here and surviving your first Council meeting. And very much looking forward to all the great work that we're going to do together. So thanks, guys.

Everybody drive safe.

[Chair]
Thank you, President. I look to our knowledge keeper to close this with a blessing, please.

[Secretary Collins]
Mr. Chair, just before she prays, we have five minutes. Our staff have a bunch of stuff to haul out of here. Our IT guy has all of this.

So maybe some of us could see how we can help so we can be out of here. Thank you.

[Chair]
Thank you.

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[Elder Dianne Ludwig]
Are you guys ready? Creator God, please take all the people back to their home fire safely. Thank you for today. Walk softly on Mother Earth.

Be kind to all the people. Decisions were made for our people today, our youth, our elders. And always remember, everything that is good, we accept.

Whenever I want to do something good, there is no power that can prevent you. Good night.

[Chair]
Thank you. Look for a motion from Council to table all remaining Council agenda items to a future meeting of Council. Representative Dunfield, seconded by Secretary Blatz.

Any opposition to the motion? Motion carries. There being no more business for Citizens Council, we stand adjourned until July 30th.

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