Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Citizens' Council

ADOPTED MEETING AGENDA

DATE:	July 30, 2026 – **9:30AM**
LOCATION:	Coast Nisku Inn & Conference Centre 1101 4 St, Nisku AB T9E 7N1
ROOM:	Nisku Ballroom

ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
1	**9:30AM**	CALL TO ORDER	CHAIR
2	9:30AM	OPENING PRAYER	ELDER DIANNE LUDWIG
3	9:35AM	ADOPTION OF AGENDA ***Motion Required****	CHAIR
4	9:40AM	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	PRESIDENT
5	9:45AM	OMG ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S) a.) 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering Update ***Motion Required**** b.) Self-Government Report i. Legislative Services Update ***Motion Required**** ii. Transition Report – July 30, 2026 ***Motion Required**** iii. Edmonton Whitemud Transition ***Motion Required**** iv. Former Region 2 Transition ***Motion Required**** v. Kahsketakihk Nominations Update ***Motion Required****	TAYLOR MASTERS/ COMMUNICATIONS SELF-GOVERNMENT/LEGAL
-	10:30AM	***BREAK***	
6	10:45AM	CITIZENS' PROPOSALS a.) Citizens' Proposal #13 - Constitution Commission ***Motion Required**** b.) Citizens' Proposal #14 – Métis Crossing ***Motion Required**** c.) Response to 2025 Citizens' Proposals Report ***Motion Required****	SELF-GOVERNMENT

7	11:45AM	SECRETARY REPORT(S) a.) Economic and Rural Development *****Motion Required***** b.) Truth and Reconciliation i. Residential Schools Archival Project *****Motion Required*****	SECRETARY DIBB PRESIDENT SANDMAIER
-	12:00PM	***LUNCH***	
8	1:30PM	REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS a.) Privacy and Protection of Personal Information Act *****Motion Required***** b.) MOU and ToR Update - Fort Vermilion *****Motion Required*****	LEGAL SECRETARY QUINTAL/ REPRESENTATIVE PAUL-ALOOK
9	3:00PM	OFFICER REPORT(S) a.) Chief Electoral Officer i. Jasper House District By-Elections	CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
10	3:15PM	Letter from District Captains	CITIZENS' COUNCIL
11	3:45PM	IN-CAMERA ITEM(S) a.) Insurance Policy Review *****Motion Required***** b.) Intergovernmental Relations Matter (Discussion)	LEGAL COUNSEL PRESIDENT
12	4:15PM	KEY MESSAGES	COMMUNICATIONS/ STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE
13	4:20PM	PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS	PRESIDENT
14	4:25PM	CLOSING PRAYER	ELDER DIANNE LUDWIG
15	4:30PM	ADJOURNMENT *****Motion Required*****	CHAIR

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Attendance – July 30, 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		✓	✓ (1:40PM)
Secretary Lisa Wolfe	✓			Representative Alfred L'Hirondelle			✓
Secretary Aura Leddy	✓			Representative Shannon Dunfield		✓	
Secretary Karen (KC) Collins	✓			Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook	✓		✓ (11:00AM)
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	✓		
Interim Senior Executive Officer	Daniel Quan-Watson	✓		
Acting Chair	Tyler Fetch	✓		

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

9:32AM The Acting Chair called the July 30, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to order.

Agenda Item #2 – Opening Prayer

9:32AM Elder Dianne Ludwig delivered an opening prayer.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Agenda

9:36AM **MOTION #20260730-1:**
Moved by: Representative Bobbi Paul-Alook
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Agenda for the July 30, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Council be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield

Questions from the floor

Amendments to the Agenda, as follows:
- Added Item 10: Letter from District Captains, remainder of Agenda renumbered accordingly

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #4 – President's Welcome

9:43AM President Andrea Sandmaier read onto the floor the President's Welcome Address.

Agenda Item #5 – OMG Administration Report(s)

a.) 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering Update

9:47AM The Acting Chair invited Taylor Masters, Events Manager, to present onto the floor the 2026 Annual Citizens' Gathering Update.

MOTION #20260730-2:
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that administration be directed to conduct a cost analysis using attendance records from previous years and the existing travel-distance categories to determine the funding required to provide gas cards to all eligible attendees, and to report back to Citizens' Council with the estimated budget required.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

MOTION #20260730-3:
Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Update on the 2026 Citizens' Gathering be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Self-Government Report

i. Legislative Services Update

10:16AM The Acting Chair invited Garrett Tomlinson, Senior Director of Self-Government, to present onto the floor the Legislative Services Update**.**

MOTION #20260730-4:
Moved by: Representative Catherine Schnell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Legislative Services Update briefing note be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

Questions from the floor

Action Item #1: Administration directed to provide an organizational chart of the staff of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government that can also be circulated to District Captains.

Result: Carried by Consensus

ii. Transition Report – July 30, 2026

10:22AM The Acting Chair invited Nicole Shepherd, Transition Manager, to present onto the floor the Transition Report for July 30, 2026.

MOTION #20260730-5:
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Transition Report for July 30, 2026 be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

iii. Edmonton Whitemud Transition

10:48AM The Acting Chair invited Nicole Shepherd, Transition Manager, to present onto the floor the update on Edmonton Whitemud District Transition.

11:06AM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:29AM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

MOTION #20260730-6:
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council, having reviewed the Briefing Note on the Establishment of the Edmonton Whitemud District Council as presented by Administration on July 30, 2026, that Administration is hereby directed to request that Whitemud District hold it's special meeting to transition by September 30, 2026 and if the Whitemud District does not, an election will be held on behalf of the Citizens in Whitemud District for a District Captain on behalf of the Citizens, in order to effect the formal establishment of the Edmonton Whitemud District Council in the interest of Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizens residing therein.

Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

iv. Former Region 2 Transition

11:50AM The Acting Chair invited Ethan Guthro, Legal Counsel, to present onto the floor the update on the Former Region 2 Transition.

MOTION #20260730-7:
Moved by: Secretary Gabrielle Blatz
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the verbal update on the Former Region 2 Transition be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Sarah Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

11:59AM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

11:59AM Elder Dianne Ludwig delivered the blessing of the meal.

The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

1:14PM

v. Kahsketakihk Nominations Update

1:15PM The Acting Chair invited Lina Chhom, Acting Project Manager of Legislative Services, to present onto the floor the Kahsketakihk Nominations Update.

MOTION #20260730-8:
Moved by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the Kahsketakihk Nominations Update briefing note be accepted for information as presented.

Be it further resolved that Citizens' Council direct administration to take back the concerns raised at the July 30, 2026 Citizens' Council meeting for review and consideration at the next regular meeting of Citizens' Council.
Seconded by: Representative Darryl Campbell

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #6 – Citizens' Proposals

a.) Citizens' Proposal #13 – Constitution Commission

1:55PM The Acting Chair invited Garrett Tomlinson, Senior Director of Self-Government, to present onto the floor the update on Citizens' Proposal #13 – Constitution Commission[1].

MOTION #20260730-9:
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved by the Citizen's Council that further discussion and review of the Citizens' Proposal #13: Proposal of an Early Constitution Commission be referred to the Citizens' Council meeting immediately following the Otipemisiwak Métis Government General Election in 2027.
Seconded by: Secretary Lisa Wolfe

Questions from the floor

Action Item #2: Administration to compile the outcomes of all internal reviews of potential areas for future amendment to the Constitution in a report to Citizens' Council.

Result: Carried by Consensus

b.) Citizens' Proposal #14 – Métis Crossing

2:28PM The Acting Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier and Juanita Marois, CEO of Métis Crossing, to present onto the floor the update on Citizens' Proposal #14 – Métis Crossing[2].

MOTION #20260730-10:
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the results of the July 30, 2026, discussion on Citizens' Proposal #14 be referred to the Citizens' Council Report on Citizens' Proposals.
Seconded by: Secretary Aura Leddy

Result: Carried by Consensus

[1] See Appendix 1 – Citizens' Proposals #13 and 14 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering, which provides a reference chart prepared using the Citizens' Proposals as recorded in the Draft 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering Meeting Minutes.
[2] See Appendix 1 – Citizens' Proposals #13 and 14 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering, which provides a reference chart prepared using the Citizens' Proposals as recorded in the Draft 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering Meeting Minutes.

MOTION #20260730-11
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the work related to Citizens' Proposal #14 continue as discussed at the July 30, 2026 Citizens' Council meeting.
Seconded by: Representative Catherine Schnell

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

3:12PM The Acting Chair declared the proceedings of Council to be in recess.

3:30PM The Acting Chair recalled the proceedings of Council back to order.

3:35PM **MOTION #20260730-12**
Moved by: Secretary Karen Collins
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that Agenda Items #7, 8, and 11 be tabled to a future Citizens' Council meeting.
Seconded by: Representative Trevor Ward

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #10 – Letter from District Captains

3:36PM The Acting Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier and Daniel Quan-Watson, Interim Senior Executive Officer, to present onto the floor the Letter from District Captains received on July 27th, 2026.

4:08PM **MOTION #20260730-13:**
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council direct administration to organize and host a 2-day in person meeting, as soon as practicable, between Citizens' Council and District Councils to discuss the issues identified in the District Captains' letter dated July 27, 2026, and the meeting agenda shall be jointly developed by Citizens' Council and the District Captains.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

Questions from the floor

Secretary Sarah Wolfe proposed a friendly amendment to change "between Citizens' Council and District Councils" to "between Citizens' Councils and District Captains"

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

Result: Friendly amendment accepted.

MOTION #20260730-13:
Moved by: Secretary Brooke Bramfield
Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council direct administration to organize and host a 2-day in person meeting, as soon as practicable, between Citizens' Council and District Captains to discuss the issues identified in the District Captains' letter dated July 27, 2026, and the meeting agenda shall be jointly developed by Citizens' Council and the District Captains.
Seconded by: Representative Shannon Dunfield

No debate

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #6 – Citizens' Proposals

c.) Response to 2025 Citizens' Proposal Report

4:17PM The Acting Chair invited Garrett Tomlinson, Senior Director of Self-Government, to present onto the floor the Citizens' Proposal Report.

MOTION #20260730-14:
Moved by: Representative Shannon Dunfield
Be it resolved that the Citizens' Council approves and submits to the Chair the Report on 2025 Citizens' Proposals pursuant to section 21 of the *Self-Government Act*, as amended.
Seconded by: Secretary Joe Chodzicki

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #9 – Officer Report(s)

a.) Chief Electoral Officer

i. Jasper House District By-Elections

4:21PM The Acting Chair invited Roxanne Carriere, Chief Electoral Officer, to present onto the floor the update on Jasper House District By-Elections.

MOTION #20260730-15:
Moved by: Secretary Kaila Mitchell
Be it resolved by the Citizens' Council that the verbal update from the Chief Electoral Officer on the Jasper House District By-Elections and the Calgary Nose Hill District Elections be accepted for information as presented.
Seconded by: Secretary Karen Collins

Questions from the floor

Result: Carried by Consensus

Agenda Item #12 – Key Messages

4:29PM The Chair invited Kenny Trenton, Press Secretary, and Adam Still, Acting Senior Manager - Communications and Citizen Engagement, to read onto the floor key messages from the July 30, 2026, regular meeting of the Citizens' Council.

Agenda Item #13 – President's Closing Remarks

4:33PM The Acting Chair invited President Andrea Sandmaier to present onto the floor the President's closing remarks.

Agenda Item #14 – Closing Prayer

4:36PM The Acting Chair invited Elder Dianne Ludwig to deliver a closing prayer.

Agenda Item #15 – Adjournment

4:37PM **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
Moved by: Secretary Aura Leddy
The Acting Chair declared the Citizens' Council of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government stands adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for June 12, 2026.

Tracked Motions

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20260730-13	20260730-14	20260730-15	

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Live Streaming and Recording Regulation 2025, redactions were made to the July 30, 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 (a).

Appendix 1 – Citizens' Proposal #13 and #14 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering

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Citizens' Gathering

Citizens' Proposals #13 and #14 from 2025 Annual Citizens' Gathering *	
No.	**Proposal**
13	**PROPOSAL #13** **MOTION #20250823-13** **Moved by:** Grant Britton That Citizens' Council consider creating a commission to identify amendments to the Métis Constitution ahead of the three-year deadline that we have to fine-tune the elements that need to be addressed and reinforce and strengthen our Constitution. **Seconded by:** Rhonda Baglot **Result:** *Carried by Consensus*
14	**PROPOSAL #14** **MOTION #20250823-14** **Moved by:** Audrey Poitras That the Citizens' Council and the Métis Crossing Board look at all options to deal with hosting the next Citizens' Gathering here in 2027 with options for all the concerns brought forward by the Citizens at this Gathering. **Seconded by:** Trevor Ward **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.