

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Special Meeting
Saturday, August 6th, 2011
Saskatoon Inn – Saskatoon

Pursuant to Section 9 (1) of the Métis Act of the Province of Saskatchewan which states:

“If a petition that requests the holding of a special meeting and that is signed by at least 250 Métis individuals of Saskatchewan is delivered to the head office of the corporation, the board of directors shall, within 60 days, hold a special meeting with the Métis people of Saskatchewan to discuss any matter stated in the petition respecting the operation of the corporation.”

This meeting is called as a result of such a petition.

Ron Lamabe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Chair reminded those in attendance that pink voting cards were issued upon registration and were needed when voting. All speakers were asked to proceed to a microphone and state their name and state their Métis local or community. He also asked for mutual respect and that personal attacks against individuals would not be tolerated. He also asked attendees to turn off all cell phones and blackberry's as they interfere with the recording of this meeting.

Agenda items:

- 1. Progress of Constitutional Reform as directed by Article 17 of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan.**
- 2. Actions and/or omissions of the Board of Director members in the diligence and performance of their duties.**

Approval of Agenda

MSC that the agenda be approved as presented.

Opening Prayer was made by Senator Nora Cummings.

President Robert Doucette – opening remarks.

Motion 1

Be it resolved that on the third Wednesday of September 2011 the MN-s Audit Committee shall meet at 9 am – 12 noon in a duly called meeting. Upon completion at noon, the Audit Committee shall report back to the PMC, who shall meet the same day at 1 pm in a duly called meeting.

Moved by John Lagimodiere Seconded by Jimmy Durocher

CARRIED Unanimous.

The Chair stated that under Roberts Rules of Order motions could be put onto the floor. What happens to the motion after it is passed at this meeting is at the peril of the Executive and the PMC, meaning this is a piece of guidance that goes forward to the PMC and the Executive to say this is what the Métis people under the Métis Act see what their meeting is about.

Bryan Lee brought forward a resolution dealing with items 1 and 2 on the agenda.

Motion 2

Be it resolved that the package of reforms to improve the Constitution, Legislation, and Organization of the Métis nation-Saskatchewan that was prepared by the Provincial Métis Council and has had appropriate consultation with Métis individuals that was presented to the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly November 27th, 2010 in non-compliance with Article 17 Section 4 shall be adopted and ratified to include the following addition as a friendly amendment: *Every Métis person shall have the right to be a member on only one (1) MN-S Local of their personal choice.*

**Moved by Bryan Lee Seconded by Shirley Ross
CARRIED. 57 Supported 3 Opposed.**

Discussion was held on the fact that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is the body that is ultimately responsible for making any constitutional changes and that Constitutional Reform must be discussed at that level.

Motion 3

Be it resolved that the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Executive shall call a General Assembly, as per Article 17 Section 4 of the MN-S Constitution, within ninety (90) days of this Special Meeting.

**Moved by Penny Hurton Seconded by Nora Cummings
CARRIED Unanimous**

Métis citizens in attendance wanted assurance that the motions made today and the concerns voiced would be taken as directives by the Executive and the Provincial Métis Council. It was noted that this was the first time ever that the Saskatchewan Métis Act has been utilized in this manner and it was a statute that was available for Métis citizens to do this.

MN-S Treasurer clarified dates and times for the Audit committee and PMC to meet in September and that confidentiality agreements have to be signed by the Audit Committee. The Chair summarized the motions made at this meeting.

Closing Prayer – Senator Nora Cummings.

Meeting Adjourned.

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