

METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 1998  
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Andrea Petite nominates Ray Laliberte for Chair  
Wayne Trotchie seconds

Wayne Trotchie nominates Irene Collins for Chair  
Robert Doucette seconds

Ray Laliberte declines as Chair  
Irene Collins accepts nomination as Chair

Ray Laliberte accepts Co-Chair

Motion #1: Move that nominations for Chair / Co-Chair cease.

Moved by: Wayne Trotchie  
Seconded by: George Martineau

CARRIED

Irene Collins - Chair  
Ray Laliberte - Co- Chair

Motion #2: Move to accept the agenda

Moved by: Glen Strong, Local #80, Stoney Rapids  
Seconded: Don Favel, Regional Director, NR III

**Amendment to the agenda**

**Motion #3**

**That we move the Metis Election Commission Report  
including appeals, to before the President's report.**

Moved by: Randy Gaudry, Local 17, Willowbunch  
Seconded by: Robert Doucette, Provincial Secretary

CARRIED

**Amendment to the agenda:**

**Motion #4:**

That the section that deals with review of last years' assembly, business arising from minutes, be included in the secretary's report.

Moved by: Robert Doucette, Provincial Secretary  
Seconded by: Donna St. Dennis, Local 78  
CARRIED

**Amendment to the agenda:**

**Motion #5:**

To include a section for "Other Business"

Moved by: Glen Strong, Local 80, Stoney Rapids  
Seconded by: Al Rivard, Regional Director, NRI

**Amendment to the agenda:**

**Motion #6:**

To amend the agenda to include a section to deal with ratification of new locals to under "Other Business"

Moved by: Peter Rudyck, Regional Director, WRII  
Seconded by: Robert Doucette, Provincial Secretary  
CARRIED

**Motion #7:** Move to adopt the agenda as amended

Moved by: Al Rivard, Regional Director NRI  
Seconded by: George Martineau, Local 47  
CARRIED

**Motion #8:** To accept the Chief Electoral Officer's Report

Moved by: George Martineau, Local 47  
Seconded by: Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director WRIA

CARRIED

Motion #9: To accept the chief electoral's recommendations which includes all the appeals rulings by the Senate.

Moved by: Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director, WRIA  
Seconded by: Myles Pelletier, Regional Director, ERIIA

MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER

Motion #10: Motion to dismiss the appeals without hearing arguments, this means you accept the facts uncovered by the Metis Elections Commission and you adopt its decisions

Moved by: Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director WRIA  
Seconded by: Myles Pelletier, Regional Director, ERIIA

CARRIED

Motion #11: To accept Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, as our auditors for the next fiscal year, 1998/1999.

Moved by: Gordon Morin, Local 21, Ile a la Crosse  
Seconded by: Donna St. Dennis, Local 78

CARRIED

Motion #12: To accept the Audited Financial Statement as presented for 1998

Moved by: Doyle Vermette, Local 19  
Seconded by: George Boucher, Local 45

CARRIED

**Resolution:**

That we ask the Provincial Government for an apology over the failed A.I.M. Program, further to this to ask the province of Saskatchewan and the department of Social Services to provide resources to help heal Metis Adults who went through the A.I.M. Program and ask the department of Social Services provide Metis specific

UNITs in various departments and ease restrictions for Metis adults trying to obtain information about their past.

Motion #13: That we adopt the resolution as read.

Moved by: Clem Chartier, President, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan  
Seconded by: Rose Boyer, Local 165  
CARRIED

Motion #14: That we accept the Executive reports and the report of the Metis Women of Saskatchewan not including the recommendations.

Moved by: Al Rivard, Regional Director NRI  
Seconded by: Don Favel, Regional Director, NRIII  
CARRIED

Motion #15: That we accept the minutes from the last Legislative Assembly as being tabled.

Moved by: Clem Chartier, President, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan  
Seconded by: George Martineau, Local 47  
CARRIED

Motion #16: That we table the agenda item that deals with Constitutional Amendments to be tabled to the Special Assemblies.

Moved by: Philip Chartier, Regional Director, NR II  
Seconded by: Shirley Ross, Local 159  
CARRIED

Motion #17: That we support the Isidore Laliberte Metis Hunting Case out of Green Lake.

Moved by: Doyle Vermette, Local 19  
Seconded by: Wayne Trotchie, Regional Director, WRIIA

Motion #18: That we follow the recommendations as outlined in the position paper of Bruce Flamont as well as the two recommendations that were incorporated as part of the Minister's Report on Enumeration.

Moved by: Philip Chartier, Regional Director, NRII  
Seconded by: Wayne Trotchie, Regional Director WRIIA  
MOTION RESCINDED

Motion #19: That we take both the recommendations to the next sitting of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, a Special Assembly, to deal with the issue of enumeration also direct the leadership to continue the work.

(Just a note: the motion was reworded because the recorder could not read back the motion as Mr. P. Chartier originally stated).

That we table the discussion to March 1999 and continue working on the recommendations as outlined.

Moved by: Philip Chartier, Regional Director, NRII  
Seconded by: Wayne Trotchie, Regional Director, WRIIA  
CARRIED

**Metis Nation of Saskatchewan General Assembly**

**December 13, 1997 – Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Center**

**Call to order – 1:10 p.m.**

**Opening Prayer – Senator Nora Ritchie**

**Nominations for Chairpersons**

**Mike Pocha #269/ George Boucher Langenburg - Murray Hamilton**

**Yvonne Longworth 165/ Merrill Fiddler #109 – Dwayne Roth**

**MOTION 1/12/97**

**Nominations Cease – Maurice Aubichon – W3  
Morley Norten - Local 7**

**CARRIED**

**Murray Hamilton - Accepts**

**Thanks Senator Nora Ritchie & President Jim Durocher as well as all participants and feels privileged to serve**

**Explained that this is a Technical and legal process.**

**We are here to conduct business as per constitution**

**Read constitution section on agreement business at hand – const. amendment.**

**Business arising out of MLA**

**Spoke to M.N.S. Executive. Wanted legal opinion on last meeting.**

**Dwayne Roth – Accepts**

**Provides Background information**

MLA is the governing body

We have a Law making process. First we need MLA agreement for Constitution amendment. There is an individual whose standing at the MLA was questioned. There was a miscommunications that his suspension was lifted. We asked the senate to convene on the matter. Meanwhile Robert Doucette moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> motions. Then a letter from the Senate came forward that Mr. Doucette was still suspended. For the purposes of doing business, specifically on the amendments, I received an Independent Objective opinion.

**Maurice Aubichon WR3 – questioned Metis Women's Senator status**

**Dwayne Roth – out of order**

Read letter – attached (concerning validity) Mr. Jim

- those decisions that Robert Doucette made or directly partly in may be brought forward today but he is indeed suspended.

**Clem Chartier Buffalo Narrows – waited for adoption of agenda**

**Dennis Langan Yorkton – Was proper notice given for this meeting?**

**Dwayne Roth – There are no notice requirements in the MNS Constitution**

**Andre Petit – Wants to add Metis Women of Saskatchewan on agenda**

**Clem Chartier – deferred to Andrea**

**Maurice Aubichon – Wants to put other business on the agenda before supper and close meeting before supper.**

**Motion 2/12/97 - Mike Pocha #269/Philip Chartier Buffalo Narrows – adopt amended agenda**

**CARRIED**

**Mavis Priddam WR2 – questioned status of Metis Women of Saskatchewan President**

**Dwayne Roth - It is the MNS position that Andrea Petite is MWS pres.**

**MNS President's remarks.**

Greetings, spoke on the following:

Tripartite Process  
Metis Enumeration Project  
Tripartite Framework Agreement  
Northern Project  
Clarence Campeau Development Fund  
SERM agreement  
Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) negotiated new Adult Basic Education Pilot sites  
Legal Challenges  
North West Land Claim  
Recognition of Inherent Rights  
Grumbo Appeal  
Constitutional Review Commission  
Development of Batoche Site

**John Dorion P.A. #7.** – Questioned the Provincial Metis Council's position on night hunting

**Jim Durocher** – spotlight hunting is not allowed

**Myles Pelletier Yorkton**– This is a stepping stone to do away with trophy hunting

**Jim Durocher** – We will be having community consultations with SERM on this. In agreement that hunting is not a sport.

**Philip Chartier Buffalo Narrows**– It is nice to take credit for other people's work. It was a Metis lawyer from Buffalo Narrows, local and individual contributions which allowed the Grumbo Decision

**John Dorion P.A. #7** – NDP will introduce ban in legislature.

**Morley Norton Local #7** – Have a question on gaming. Was it an executive decision or how did we get from \$3.6M. to 800K

**Jim Durocher** – We have the Clarence Campeau development fund for business. It is not a dead issue. We want to move up in amount of money as well as change our status to parallel First Nations.

**MOTION 3/12/97** Accept Pres. Report – Rose Boyer CUMFI/Robert Doucette  
Saskatoon #126

**CARRIED**



## **Andrea Petit Metis Women Of Saskatchewan President's Remarks**

"Thank You so much for the opportunity to say a few words and to the Metis /women of Saskatchewan who showed their confidence in me by electing me as their president. During my term as your president I promise always to listen to your contributions in the direction of our organization. I support the MNS Executive in their efforts of working towards self-government. There are a lot of tough decisions and still it is important to get past our differences and resolve them so we as Metis Women will be united as one. At this time I would like to recognize two women who have given contributions ut us as a Metis Nation. I would like Rose Ledoux and Nora Ritchie to come up here. We are Proud to be Metis. Let our nation rise again. " (presented gifts)

### **Constitution amendments as attached.**

- carried 1) Green Lake and Dore/Sled move from W1 to N3
- carried 2) Ituna adopted
- carried 3) 11A adopted
- TAPE ONE ENDS
- carried 4) Citizenship
- carried 5) Executive
- carried 6) N.W. Metis Council
- carried 7)Affiliates
- defeated 8) Elections Act

**MOTION 4/12/97 Adjourn meeting**  
MauriceAubichon W3/Clem Chartier Buffalo Narrows  
**disallowed**

**MOTION 5/12/97 Reintroduce Elections Act and have secret ballot**  
Robert Doucette #126/Vicki Polsfut #11A  
**Rescinded**

**MOTION 6/12/97 Adjourn Meeting**  
MauriceAubichon W3  
**Carried**