



METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN
1996 METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MOTIONS

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1996

MOTION #1: To elect Speaker of the House.

NOMINATION #1: Nominate Mr. Murray Hamilton.
Nominator: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: John Dorion, WR2

Nomination #2: Nominate Mr. Morley Norton.
Nominator: John Dorion, WR2
Seconded by: Trygve Lee #108

Motion: To Cease Nominations.
Moved by: Maurice Aubichon, WR3
Seconded by: Robert Doucette, WR2A

CARRIED.

SPEAKER OF HOUSE: Mr. Murray Hamilton and Mr. Morley Norton agree to co-chair.

MOTION #2: Metis Legislative Assembly up hold and respect the decision of WR2A in respect to Gabriel Dumont Local #11.

Moved by: Robert Doucette, WR2A
Seconded by: Charlene Lavallee #173

DEFEATED.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Henry Cummings is the Local President of Gabriel Dumont Local #11.

MOTION #3: Respect the wishes of Kindersley Local #54 members and accept Ms. Evelyn Slawson as Kindersley Local #54 President.

Moved by: Robert Doucette, WR2A
Seconded by: ED Harper #126

DEFEATED.

BE IT RESOLVED TO respect the Senate decision that Ms. Violet Besplug is President of Kindersley Local #54.

MOTION #4: Metis Legislative Assembly credentials recognize Local Vice Presidents and be given voting authority.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170

CARRIED.

MOTION #5:

Proposed Agenda will be as follows:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Address of the Senate
3. Presidents Report
4. MNS Constitution Amendments
5. Resolutions
6. MNS Executive Reports
7. Portfolio Ramifications

Banquet at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by:

Philip Chartier #62

Seconded by:

Jane Johnson #155

CARRIED.

MOTION #6:

To accept the Provincial President Report as presented.

Moved by:

Philip Chartier #62

Seconded by:

Maurice Aubichon WR3

CARRIED.

MOTION #7: RESOLUTION /

Whereas the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan has been operating under the principles of decentralization and grassroots involvement.

And Whereas the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan declared Metis self-government in December 1993, which includes developing Local and Regional self-government initiatives.

And Whereas for the past five years the Pathways training and employment program was operated under the decentralization and grassroots principles as an Affiliate, at the provincial and Regional/Area levels as part of Metis self-government.

And Whereas the training and employment program has been extended for another three years, with a greater degree of self-government for our people and institutions in conformity with the Liberal Red Book.

Be it Further Resolved That the amendments to "Schedule A" of draft #6 of the Regional Bilateral Agreement, as submitted by Northern Region II Presidents' Council and its Methy Pathways Board, are hereby adopted, and all necessary changes to draft #6 be made to reflect this decision, along with the incorporation documents of Metis Employment and Training of Saskatchewan Inc. (METSI), which must reflect that it is an Affiliate of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

MOVED BY: Philip Chartier #62
SECONDED BY: Ray Laliberte #269
DEFEATED.

MOTION #8:

That the process to vote in 1996 MLA that
credentials are name tags and votes be by closed
ballot on resolutions and amendments.

Moved by:

Philip Chartier #62

Seconded by:

Chris Perry #87

DEFEATED.

MOTION #9:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT / To accept the proposed addition of Section 6 (a) to Article 2: Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.

ARTICLE 2: METIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

6 (a) The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall meet upon the written request of at least 50 Local Presidents.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Trygve Lee #108
CARRIED.

MOTION #10:

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT / To accept the proposed addition of Section 9.1.a) Article 2: Metis Legislative Assembly.

ARTICLE 2: METIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

- 9.1. a) The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall have the authority to remove any member of the Provincial Metis Council for the following reasons:
- i) Acting in a manner that is contrary to the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Constitution.
 - ii) Acting in a manner that is contrary to the Oath of Allegiance of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. AND,
 - iii) Upon his or her inability to perform his or her functions due to incarceration.
- b) The vote for removal must have the support of three-quarters of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly members present, providing a quorum is present.
- c) Such removal by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be final and binding.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170
DEFEATED.

MOTION #11:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT / To accept the proposed additions of Subsection 12: Assembly of Representatives to the structure of Article 5: Regions.

SUBSECTION 12: ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Assembly of representatives shall be the supreme body for the region.
2. All decisions made by the Assembly of Representatives shall be final and binding on the Regional Council and the Area Director.
3. All legislative powers shall be vested in the Assembly of Representatives.
4. The members of the Assembly of Representatives shall be chosen every third year by the Metis citizens of each respective region.
5. Assembly representatives shall be chosen by each local/community on the following basis;
 - a) 4 delegates for every 100 members.
 - b) Every community/Local shall have at least 4 delegates to the Assembly of Representatives.
6. The actual enumeration of Metis to ascertain how many delegates each local shall get shall be done in the 1st 6 months after subsection 12 is ratified.
7. When a vacancy occurs in the Assembly of representatives the executive of the local/community shall issue a notice of election to fill the vacancy.
8. The Assembly of Representatives shall elect a VICE CHAIR for each respective region;
 - a) In the case of death or resignation of the Area Director, the regional council will choose an interim Area Director which will have to receive assent from the Assembly of Representatives.
9. The Assembly of Representatives shall assemble once every 4th month.
10. A majority of the Assembly of Representatives shall constitute a quorum to do business.
11. The Assembly of Representatives shall determine and enact the rules of it's proceedings's, punish its members for disorderly behaviour, and with the concurrence of two thirds of the Assembly of Representatives shall expel a member of the

- Assembly of Representatives.
12. The Assembly of Representatives shall elect a SECRETARY from its members who record in a journal the proceedings of the Assembly. One copy of the proceedings shall be sent to the Metis Nation Head Office, Regional Head Office, and one copy retained by the Secretary of the Assembly of Representatives.
 13. The Assembly of Representatives shall elect a TREASURER from its members.
 - The Treasurer shall make yearly reports to the Assembly of Representatives.
 - The Treasurer shall review and scrutinize the financial records of all regional affiliates and may make the necessary recommendations to the Assembly of Representatives.
 - A yearly statement and account of the receipts and the expenditures of all public money shall be presented to the Assembly of Representatives.
 14. The Assembly of Representatives shall establish a Judicial commission consisting of three representatives from the Urban community and three from the rural communities.
 - The power of the judicial committee shall extend to all issues brought before them and shall be final and binding. The right of appeal to the Assembly of Representatives and to the Metis legislative assembly shall be respected.
 - All decisions made by the Judicial committee shall be recorded with one copy sent to the Metis Nation Head Office, Regional Head Office, and a copy kept with the Judicial Committee.

Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A
Seconded by: Ed Harper #126
DEFEATED.

MOTION #12: **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** / To accept proposed addition of an Article 17: Principles of the Metis Nation.

ARTICLE 17: **PRINCIPLES OF THE METIS NATION**

We the citizens of the Metis Nation recognizes;

- The Inherent dignity to equal and rights which can never be taken away from Metis people is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the Metis Nation.
- The ideal of all Metis enjoying civil and political freedom can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby everyone may enjoy their civil, political rights, economic, social and cultural rights.
- The promotion of universal respect for and observance of the collective and individual rights and freedoms of all Metis.
- Realize that the Metis individual, having duties to other Metis individuals and to the Metis community to which they belong, is under a responsibility to strive for the promotion and observance of all Metis rights.

Therefore we the citizens of the Metis Nation agree to the following articles;

1. All Metis have the right to self determination. By virtue of that right we the citizens of the Metis Nation will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development.
2. The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan undertakes to respect and ensure to all individuals within the nation and subject to its jurisdiction the rights without distinction of any kind such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions.
3. To ensure that any Metis person whose rights or freedoms as herein recognized are violated shall have an effective remedy.
4. To ensure that any person claiming such a remedy shall have their right thereto determined by competent judicial, administrative or legislative authorities of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
5. To ensure the competent authorities as enacted by the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan shall enforce

- such remedies when granted.
6. The Metis Nation undertakes to ensure the equal right of men and women to the enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.
 7. Every Metis citizen shall have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence.
 8. No Metis person in the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan shall be deprived of the right to join a local in the community which they reside.
 9. All persons shall be equal before the tribunals, committee's or the Metis Legislative Assembly in the termination of any issue which they are charged with. Every Metis person shall be entitled to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal established by the Metis Legislative Assembly.
 10. Any Metis person shall have adequate time to prepare their defense.
 11. All issue's will be processed without undue delay.
 12. At any public hearing or Tribunal all Metis involved shall be tried in their presence, and shall have the right to defend themselves or appoint legal assistance own of their choosing.
 13. No Metis person shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation.
 14. Every Metis person shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
 15. No Metis person shall be subject to coercion that would impair their freedom to have or adopt a belief of their choice.
 16. The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan shall have respect for the liberty of parents or guardians to ensure the moral education of their children is in conformity with their own convictions.
 17. Everyone shall the to hold opinions without interference.
 18. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include the freedom to seek, receive and import information and ideas of all kinds either in writing or print, in the form of art, or through any media of their choice.
 19. The rights outlined in paragraph 18 carry special duties and responsibilities, such as the respect for the rights and reputation of others.
 20. The right of Metis people to assemble and organize at the community level peacefully shall be

- recognized.
21. Every Metis person shall have the right to freedom of association.
 22. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those prescribed by the Assembly of representatives which are necessary to protect the interests of the Metis Nation.
 23. The family is the natural and fundamental group of the Metis nation and is entitled to protection by the Nation.
 24. Every child shall have without discrimination as to race, color, sex, language, the right to such measures of protection as are required by their status as a minor, on the part of their family, or the Metis Nation.
 25. Every child borne of a Metis person shall be registered immediately.
 26. Every Metis child has the right to acquire a nationality.
 27. Every Metis person has the right to:
 - Take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives.
 - To vote and to be elected to the Assembly of representatives or to the local which shall be universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot which guarantee's the free expression of the will of the electors.
 - To have access to public services in Westerns Region 2A.
 28. All persons are equal and entitled to protection by the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

AMENDMENTS MADE TO MOTION #12 / MADE BY ROBERT DOUCETTE WR2A

22. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those prescribed by the METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY which are necessary to protect the interests of the Metis Nation.
27. • To vote and to be elected to the METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of representatives or to the local which shall be universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot which guarantee's the free expression of the will of the electors.
- To have access to public services in THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Moved by: Robert Doucette, WR2A
Seconded by: Charlene Lavallee #173
DEFEATED.

MOTION #13:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT / To accept proposed Amendments to Section 3 and 10 in Article 5: Regions.

ARTICLE 5: REGIONS

3. The Regional Council shall have the responsibility of making all appointments to the Institutions and Affiliates at the Regional and Provincial levels. In the event that the Regional Representative is not so appointed, he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Regional Institutions and Affiliates.

10. The Regional Councils shall provide direction to their Representatives on the Provincial Metis Council with respect to all matters, including the aims, objectives and aspirations of the Organization, and for their respective Regions.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Shirley Ross #159
CARRIED.

MOTION #14:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT / To accept proposed addition of new Article 14.1: Secretariat.

ARTICLE 14.1 SECRETARIAT

1. A Secretariat shall be retained under the Non-Profit Corporations Act for the sole purpose of carrying out the administrative duties of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
2. The Secretariat shall be known as the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Secretariat Incorporated.
3. The Board of Directors of the Secretariat shall be the same members who are elected to the Provincial Metis Council.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Guy Bouvier WR1
CARRIED.

MOTION #15:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT / To accept proposed additions and deletions to Article 12: Senate, Women and Youth.

ADDITION OF

3. That appointments to the Senate shall be made by or at an area meeting.
4. Appointments to the Senate shall be for three years.
6. The Senate shall act as advisors and ambassadors for the Metis Nation.

DELETION OF

3. That appointments to vacancies in the Metis Senate be made at area meetings. Further, that Senate appointments be for lifetime or until such time as the Senator is unable to fulfil his/her duties.
4. That the Senate be given the power to resolve disputes occurring in Regions and locals; Further, that decisions of the Senate shall be final and binding.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #15 MADE BY GUY BOUVIER WR1 /
SECONDER APPROVES /

4. Appointments to the Senate shall be for FIVE years.
7. IF NOT RE-APPOINTED TO SENATE, RETAIN NAME OF HONOURARY SENATOR.

Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A
Seconded by: Daryl Larose WR1A
DEFEATED.

MOTION #16: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT / To accept proposed new
Article 18: Provincial Judicial Committee.

ARTICLE 18: PROVINCIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Metis Legislative Assembly shall establish a PROVINCIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE consisting of one representative from the North, Central and Southern parts of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
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AMENDMENT TO MOTION #16 / SECONDER AGREES /

PROVINCIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE READ REGIONAL JUDICIAL
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Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A

Seconded by: Don Favel NR3

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Seconded by: Charlene Lavallee #173
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Seconded by:
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AMENDMENT TO MOTION #15 MADE BY GUY BOUVIER WR1 /
SECONDER APPROVES /

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Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A

Seconded by: Don Favel NR3

DEFEATED.

AMENDMENT: made by Philip Chartier/ Provincial Judicial Committee state REGIONAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

MOTION #17:

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT / To approve proposed addition of section 3.1 in Article 8: Elections.

ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS

3.1 Notwithstanding section 2 and 3, the elections for the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be held during the last week of August every three years, with the first election under this section to be held in August 1997.

Moved by:

Armand Murray #39

Seconded by:

Philip Chartier #62

DEFEATED.

MOTION #18:

Support Metis in Local #176 and Local #38 in seeking compensation as a third party interest group in treaty land entitlement issued by Canoe Lake.

Moved by:

Ambrose Maurice #176

Seconded by:

John Dorion WR2

CARRIED.

MOTION #19: RESOLUTION /

That the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Elections be held for mid-month October 1997.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170
CARRIED.

MOTION #20: RESOLUTION /

WHEREAS CPR is giving away/selling land on which it has abandoned rail lines...

That the CPR originally obtained much of this land through the fraudulent manipulation of land and money Scrip ...

BE IT RESOLVED that the CPR be approached to seek redress concerning its Scrip fraud and,

THAT a certain percentage of the monies gained from the sale of these lands by the CPR be returned to the Metis Nation.

Moved by: John Dorion WR2
Seconded by: Ray Laliberte #269
CARRIED.

MOTION #21: RESOLUTION /

WHEREAS the Metis Locals of northwest Saskatchewan, along with the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan (MNS) and Metis National Council (MNC) filed a Statement of Claim on March 1, 1994 seeking declarations that the Metis of northwest Saskatchewan have an existing Aboriginal title and rights to the lands and resources of northwest Saskatchewan as a testcase.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the government of Saskatchewan be requested to join the Metis plaintiffs in pressing for a court ruling that the Aboriginal title and rights at issue are still in existence, and that the federal government has the required jurisdiction and responsibility to enter into a land claim agreement with respect to those rights.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Guy Bouvier WR1
CARRIED.

MOTION #22: RESOLUTION /

WHEREAS the enumeration of the Metis people requires a Metis definition of the Metis. And,

WHEREAS the current elected leaders have proven incapable of dealing with this element.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Metis Senate be responsible for policy and direction in respect to Metis enumeration.

Moved by: Henry Cummings #11
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170
CARRIED.

MOTION #23: RESOLUTION /

WHEREAS the Metis Nation has within it's membership many qualified people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT only card-carrying Metis be employed or contracted within the structure of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #23 RESOLUTION MADE BY HENRY CUMMINGS #11 /

BE IT RESOLVED THAT only card-carrying Metis be employed or contracted within the structure of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, providing they meet the qualifications specific to the job applied for.

HOWEVER, no nationality will be overlooked.

Moved by: Henry Cummings #11
Seconded by: John Dorion WR2
CARRIED.

MOTION #24: RESOLUTION /

WHEREAS Certain practises regarding mismanagement, unprofessional conduct and lack of accountability have harmed the Metis Nation's ability to negotiate with other levels of Canadian government, and

THAT the Metis Nation cannot attain self-government until it first deals with its representatives who refuse to conduct themselves in a proper, professional and business like manner...

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Constitution of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, Article 5, Regions, Section 2 be amended by removing the following "who shall be the Chairperson of the Regional Council, as well as the Region's Representative on the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly".

Moved by: John Dorion WR2
Seconded by: Norman McKay #7

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE RULES THAT THE RESOLUTION IS INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME / IT CONTRADICTS WHAT IS CONSIDERED PART OF EXISTING CONSTITUTION / TIME WAS ALLOTTED TO DEAL WITH AMENDMENTS / SPEAKER NOT OPPOSED SHOULD IT BE RAISED AGAIN /

MOTION #27: To accept the Provincial Treasurer Report as presented.
Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Don Favel NR3
CARRIED.

MOTION #28: To accept the Provincial Secretary Report as presented.
Moved by: Maurice Aubichon WR3
Seconded by: Ed Harper #126
CARRIED.

MOTION #29: That agenda item Portfolio Ratifications be tabled until Thursday, October 10, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #28 / MADE BY CLARENCE CAMPEAU RR2 /
SECONDER APPROVES /

To recess until Thursday, October 10, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.
at which time Portfolio ratifications will be discussed.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62
Seconded by: Brian Amyotte #98
CARRIED.