

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE METIS
ELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OF THE
METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN HELD ON
THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994, AT 9:00 P.M.,
VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

Senators Present: Vital Morin, John Boucher and Nora Ritchie.

Others Present: Earl Pelletier and Jim Gorkoff.

Brief discussions were entered into with respect to introductions and the opening of the meeting including setting an agenda. The agenda is as follows:

1. Retain the law firm of McKercher McKercher & Whitmore.
2. Request Jim Gorkoff, Student-at-Law, to give legal advice.
3. Discussion of *The Election Regulations*.
4. Set an election date.
5. Appoint a Chief Electoral Officer.
6. Workshop for Election Officers.
7. Membership concerns re election.

Jim Gorkoff agreed to prepare the Minutes of the Meeting.

RETAIN THE LAW FIRM OF McKERCHER McKERCHER & WHITMORE

Senator Nora Ritchie moved that the Metis Election Commission does retain the services of McKercher McKercher & Whitmore in relation to providing legal advice as required in respect of preparing and carrying out elections to the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan which will be held in February 1995. Senator Vital Morin seconded the motion. CARRIED.

REQUEST JIM GORKOFF, STUDENT-AT-LAW, TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE

Senator Nora Ritchie moved that Jim Gorkoff, Student-at-Law, give an overview and legal opinion on the election regulations as they have been received by the three members of the Board earlier this date. Senator John Boucher seconded the motion. CARRIED.

Jim Gorkoff, Student-at-Law, gave an overview of the election regulations.

DISCUSSION OF THE ELECTION REGULATIONS

Senator Vital Morin moved that Regulation V 2 of *The Election Regulations* as received earlier this date should be amended to read as follows:

"All nominations shall be signed by the person making the nomination and by an additional five (5) individual members who shall attest their support of the nomination."

Senator Nora Ritchie seconded the motion. CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS RE ELECTION

At this point, there was a discussion with regard to ensuring that only members voted at the election. After discussion, Senator John Boucher moved to amend *The Election Regulations* as received earlier this date to insert the following Paragraph XX 1 and to amend the numbering of the paragraphs within that regulation accordingly:

"He shall, if having reasonable grounds to believe that the elector may not be qualified as a member of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, request of that elector sufficient proof such that the elector meets the requirements of membership pursuant to the Constitution of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan; further to this end, the Local Deputy Returning Officer may require any such elector to produce a Saskatchewan Hospitalization Card, and if upon such request, the Saskatchewan Hospitalization Card cannot be produced, then the Local Deputy Returning Office can automatically deny that person a vote."

Senator Vital Morin seconded the motion. CARRIED.

SET AN ELECTION DATE

Senator Nora Ritchie then moved to set the election date to be the 18th day of February, 1995. Senator Vital Morin seconded the motion. CARRIED.

APPOINT A CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

The floor then opened discussion on the appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer. Senator Nora Ritchie then moved to appoint Edward Pelletier as the Chief Electoral Officer for the February 18, 1995, election. Senator John Boucher seconded the motion. CARRIED.

Senator Vital Morin moved that Senator Ritchie attempt to arrange a conference call with the full Senate or majority thereof for Friday, the 16th day of December, 1994, at or about 7:30 p.m. Senator Nora Ritchie seconded the motion. CARRIED.

WORKSHOP FOR ELECTION OFFICERS

Senator Nora Ritchie then made a motion that after the election officers have been selected and once the Chief Electoral Officer has the ballot boxes and all other election material prepared, he or she shall, within seven days of the appointment of the Election Officers, hold an election workshop of one to two days duration in the City of Prince Albert. Senator Vital Morin seconded the motion. CARRIED.

Senator Vital Morin moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator John Boucher seconded the motion. CARRIED.