

**Eastern Region III –
Regional Council Meeting
Jan 29, 2023 @ 10:00 am
8-401 Johnston Ave, Indian Head SK**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Linda Sopp – President local 25, Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette – President local 87, Raina LaCroix – Youth rep, Sheila Pelletier – President Local 48, Edwin Blondeau – President local 44, Tracey Rogers President – Local 103, Marg Friesen – Regional Director ERIII, Linda Lagace – President local 6, Dexter Mondor – President local 182, Randy Holt- Vice-president, local 8

Observers: Virginia LaCroix, Gerrard Lagace, Grace Racette, Allan Brehaut (farm board member), Dwayne Racette (farm board member), Donna Holt, Justin Amyotte (farm board member). Sandy Friesen

Regrets: Leebert Poitras – President local 8

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	IMPLEMENTATION
<u>Call to order</u>	Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.	
<u>Introductions/Welcome/ Opening prayer</u>	Roundtable of introductions. Marg welcomed everyone to the meeting. Grace opened with a prayer.	
<u>Approval/Adoption of Agenda</u>	Added items to agenda: Under other: Handi-van Under New business: Regional Council retreat and strategic planning weekend.	Motion to approve amended agenda: Moved by Sheila/ Seconded by Trisha. Carried unanimously
<u>Approval of Minutes of Dec 11, 2022 minutes and tabled minutes from May 29, 2022</u>	Minutes of May 29, 2022 – error under section Back to Batoche, Motion: Rent transportation bus for out standers. Should read: Rent transportation bus for elders.	Motion to accept minutes of May (with amendment) and minutes of Oct 20, 2022: Moved by Tracey/ Seconded by Linda L. Carried unanimously.
<u>Business arising from minutes</u>	Need to modify the motion for UPIP allocation to include sponsorship for Monroe Mondor dog team at Canadian Challenge International Dog sled race. This is her first race at a national level	Motion: To provide sponsorship for Monroe Mondor for her team at the Canadian Challenge International Sled Dog Race 2023 in the amount of \$5000.

<p><u>Business arising continued..</u></p>		<p>Moved by Ed/ Seconded by Trisha Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Action Item: Marg to contact Autumn Laing-LaRose to inquire on behalf of our youth representatives for any directives or supports.</p> <p>Action Item: Marg to contact Laura Ross to present to council.</p>
<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>Winter Camp</p> <p>UIP</p> <p>ELCC CEP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter camp was held at Kenosee bible camp – was the largest gathering of people to date. 28 people attended the event. Activities included dogsledding, nature walk, fire making and tea making contest, beading. Lots of good food. Had good weather. • Recently submitted our UIP proposal until the end of March 2023. Will cover off a bison camp, BTB elders’ bus and sponsorship for Monroe Mondor. • All of our applications were approved and planning is now underway. 	
<p><u>New Business</u></p>		
<p>Director of Housing – Jason Mercredi presented to regional council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metis Nation Saskatchewan acknowledged ERIII has identified underserved sectors of seniors as it pertains to housing. As such they have allocated 1.5 M to ERIII for seniors housing. • Sunbeam Lodge is a potential asset. Jason will be coming to 	

	<p>the region several times over the next few months to evaluate options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing department is starting community information sessions regarding the FTHBP and the ERP program. Recently reviewed the eligibility for these programs. A 50-year-old furnace automatically qualifies. • Housing conference March 14-15, 2023. Looking for people already involved in the housing sector to attend or those with lived experience to attend. \$50 registration fee. • Will be gathering housing data at BTB. 	
<p>CEO update – Richard Quintal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been receiving monthly reports from the department that are shared at the PMC level. The hope is that information is then passed on at the Regional Council level. • First Reading – Self government agreement will be March 6, 2023. Once this is passed then it will change the way we are funded. We will get transfer payments instead of being proposal driven. • Many of our citizens are not connected to locals. Would like local to operate all the same with the same operating mechanisms. • We have been negotiating our harvesting for the last two years. We will be conservation focused and will be using a tag system. Will continue to use HAL. Will need a citizenship card to prove rights holder. • Fishing will be included. Follow conservation guidelines. • Lobby days total request was 850M. Major asks were for Housing/ Mental Health and addictions. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNS goal is to have our own parliament at Batoche. • Ma Famillii centers will be going into each of the 12 regions and will be a one stop shop for any of our services offered. 	
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Board joined for lunch and the rest of the meeting. 	
SMEDCO presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Burnett from SMEDCO presented programs, application requirements for entrepreneurs and community organizations. Q and A followed. 	<p>Motion: Regional Council supports the creation of an Economic Development corp for Eastern Region III.</p> <p>Moved by: Dexter/ Seconded by Justin</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
Regional Retreat/ Strategic planning day for Ec. Dev.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion for having retreat at Kenosse Lake bible camp April 14-16. Will be able to bring a plus one and will have activities for them to do while meeting. 	
BTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marg met with the BTB committee. They were extremely impressed with our camp last year and want us to do it again. They are giving us an 80K budget. Want us to do three pits Bison, Elk and wild boar. Want us to do 2 suppers and one lunch. • Would like dedicated golf carts or a gator. • Need captains for setup/teardown/ cooking/ serving/ transportation/ fire. • Will do another activity like beading or leather work in another tent. • Next planning meeting tba 	
Winterfest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning underway, same activities as last year. • No pets allowed at the Winterfest. • March 18, 2023 	<p>Action: Need motions from the local to move ahead with plans.</p>
Family Language retreats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have 2 to plan. One in Moosomin and one in Yorkton. • 	

<p>Regional Rep Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report included in board package emailed earlier and distributed at meeting. • If you know someone with lived experience in homeless or housing the region will pay the \$50 registration fee for them to attend the Housing conference on March 14-15, 2023 • Need to review student bursaries given out by region. Need to establish a criteria committee as previously discussed. • Region should look at doing other workshops such as beading, leather, skirts, hunter safety, canning etc. tbd • Discussion of a Local 103 citizen seeking bursary money. 	<p>Action: New committee to review bursaries Marg, Virginia and Raina.</p> <p>Motion: To accept Regional Rep report as presented.</p> <p>Moved by Linda S/ seconded by Linda L.</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Motion: Local 103 citizen will be given the standard \$100 bursary.</p> <p>Moved by Linda S/ Seconded by Linda L. Local 103 president abstained. All others in favor Carried.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reports were included in the package sent out by email and distributed at meeting. • Marg reviewed the financials. • MNP to do our audit. • We are in good standing with MNS 	<p>Motion: To accept the financial report as presented.</p> <p>Moved by Dexter/ Seconded by Tracey</p> <p>Carried.</p>
<p>Local reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local 103 – Had meeting on Dec 18, 2022. Next meeting Feb 5 @ 1pm. Bingo on March 26. Family fun day on June 17. • Local 44 – Feb 5 is the next meeting at the firehall. Teepee project going really well. • Marg updated on Local 135 – Rocanville is having a meeting and elections on Feb 12. Neil has stepped down as president. VP not wanting the role. Marg will convene the meeting • Local 182 – Applied for Christmas gifts at the MNLA. Received them after Christmas. 	

	<p>Have meeting at the end of February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth – Captains for Children’s activities at winter fest – Raina. • Local 8 – (presented by Randy Holt – VP Local 8) – Next meeting is Feb 5. Will have Virginia attend to discuss CEP funding for project. • Local 25 – Scotties tournament was held in Estevan. First time the Metis flag was flown at the event. Last meeting was Jan 10. Had some issues with members due to gift cards not being distributed. Had 16 people at last meeting. • Local 6 – Nothing to report. Need to set up a meeting. • Local 87 – No recent meetings. Attend the Chronic Wasting Disease workshop • Local 48 – Had four families for the Christmas gifts from MNLA. Next meeting is Feb 5, 2023. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dexter showed pictures of hand-van. Test drove it for about 10 minutes. In good shape. Has 12 seat, two wheelchair spots. MNS has offered to pay for the vehicle wrap. Asking \$9000. Need to develop the program for the hand-van. 	<p>Motion to purchase was made. However a previous motion to purchase was made at Dec 11, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Action: Committee to discuss program for the handi-van will include Linda L, Linda S, Sandy Friesen and Sheila.</p>
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will meet same day as Conway Kootenay event. March 12, 2023 @ 11 am. 	
Adjournment		<p>Motion to adjourn: Moved by Tracey</p>